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2/2 Machine Gun Battalion

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Unit R/R Aust M.G. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 43 To 30 Jun 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Tues		QX 6271 Major E.C. WILLIAMS seconded & appointed DAQMG (learner)	
	1 June		HQ Aust Div, via Maj T.W. YOUNG.	
	'43			
			Cpl Jackson, W.H. (QX 8730) AAMC att. from A/Sgt (AAMC Hygiene).	
			L/Cpl Christain, F.W. (NX 25141) AAMC att. from A/Cpl & QX 16905- Pte	
			Scott, A.M., from L/Cpl. w.e.f. 29 May 43 (Entered in May diary)	
			NX 12356 Capt FRK STANILAND (OC B Coy) vac 6 AGH. NX 34672 Capt	
			K.S. WRAGGE rejoined unit 22 6 AGH.	

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	Thurs		CO's orderly room - Pte COSGROVE, W. J. - AWL 24 hrs. Sentenced to	
	3 Jun		for punishment.	
	43	0900	Maj CC Brown member DCM at Div HQ.	
			Combined Trg period to commence approx 16 Jun 43, 24 Aust Inf Bde	Appx "C" 1
			first to do the course, which expected to last two weeks, thereafter 20 r	Cy
			26 Sde Gps to follow in succession. C Coy allotted 24 bde, B Coy w 20 bde	
			→ D Coy w 26 Sde.	
			C3 exercise. Recd Armstrong at 2/32 hr 1400 hrs for conference.	

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	Fri 4 Jun '43		<p>NX 26305 W/Cpl INGLIS, E.D. marched out to GDD Sydney for discharge under AMR 184 VII(a) on compassionate grounds for family reasons (to assume control of estate in N.Z. following death of father), authorised by ARG 2 Aust Corps</p> <p>NX 26927 Sgt MILLICAN, F.A. (armourer Sgt) temp. det to 2/22 Aust Inf W/Shop</p> <p>NX 22032 pte COSGROVE, W.J. awarded 21 days Ad Pun^s notified of loss of all ordinary pay & allowances for 21 days. AWL from 0630 hrs 1 Jun - 0630 hrs 2 Jun 43. Committed today to Corps FPC.</p> <p>QX 1753 pte HUMPHREY, EV NX 78719 pte PAYNE, S.W., QX 8804 pte KING, W.W., QX 8779 pte ROBINSON, B.W.C., NX 17029 pte MacGREGOR, G.P.</p> <p>Trans to AAC.S. 9 Div (all B class or A2)</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Sec 5		Shower weather during day culminating in fairly heavy rain 1600-1700 hrs Bonaparte's postponed owing to state of ground.	
	Jun 43		Two personnel (HA Capt & HA) on absence leave. Allowance to son of 2 per week. leaving camp on Saturday morning, returning Sunday night.	
		0900	HA 24 Ado closes 544448 and reopened 486382	
			Bn baseball IX departed by IX from 2nd Station Hospital US Army, 3-13.	
			Cinema - "His Exciting Night"	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Mon 7 Jun		<p>Intelligence School continues.</p> <p>Cpl Wiley, J. G. (bn Ordnance Cpl) to be transferred to Records R Sch. NX Cpl IHLEIN, N to become bn Ordnance Cpl. Pte L. J. KING (NX 41029) trans to A Coy from C Coy as clerk.</p> <p>NX 12356 Capt FRK STANILAND rejoined unit ex 2 AGH.</p> <p>DCM at 9 Cust Div : NX 32602 Pte Cass, R. W. H. (malingering).</p> <p>Classification range at DANBULLA (529420) will be completed to 300 yard mound by 1 Jul 43. 2/2 men to have allotment of 1 day (4 Aug) for 1 Coy. (6482/80/10)</p> <p>Map Brown Scale again nominated for appointments to commands.</p> <p>No 2 MT Course begins.</p>	

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	Tues 8 Jun		<p>NX 56980 Pte FARR, J. rejoined unit under escort. Was declared a deserter by Court of Inquiry held 20 May 43.</p> <p>AUSTEN sub machine gun delivered by 26 Sde for inspection & demonstration, until 11 June. Poch Coy in turn to examine it.</p>	

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	Wed 9 Jan	0700	Sgt Shepherd, D. leaves for No 3 MMG Course SAS.	
		1600	Lecture by Lt Stanton Hicks at Div HQ Battle Room (E.O.)	

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	Shrews 10 Jan 43		<p>9 Aust Div Intn Instr No 11, Part II, received - working data for Combined ops Hq. My Coy allotment Appx E of Instr.</p> <p>QX 1600 Lt Sjt BEECH, M.C.W., QX 10089 Cpl MILLARD, K., NX 94618 Pte NAUGHTON, W.J. rejoined unit on movement, Ironville (Parachute Tgtbn).</p> <p>NX 26889 Pte MARSH, J and NX 47278 Pte BOWEN, C. rejoined unit on 2 Cops FPC.</p> <p>QX 18196 Pte SHORT, D.N.P., rejoined on 1 Aust Army School of Hqs, Maroochydore.</p> <p>NX 56387 Cpl Wiley, Jlg., prom A/Sjt. vice Sjt Brooks, HQ. Pte King, L.J., prom A/Cpl (Ordn Cpl, A Coy)</p>	Appx C Coy.
		1330	<p>DCM at 9 Aust Div : NX 32602 Pte Cass, R.W.H (Maltingling). Found guilty.</p> <p>A Coy & B Coy, Rugby Union, 26 - 3</p>	
		0830- 1630	<p>T.O. at 26 Det see demonstration of water-proofing of vehs.</p>	

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	Fri 11 Jan	0830	<p>NX 63507 Chaplain G.E. JAEGER Taken on strength</p> <p>26 Bde demo water proofing of vehs. Austen SMG passed to 2/3 Pntkms</p> <p>24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to move to CAIRNS area for trg purposes. 9 Div Adm Instr 5 received.</p> <p>C Coy & HQ Coy, Rugby Union.</p> <p>QX 5080 Pte Masters, G. prom A/Sjt (Tailor), NX 26165 Pte Martin, A.J., prom A/Cpl (Tailor), NX 30560 A/Cpl Clarke, C.V., prom A/Sjt (cook) — new W.E.</p>	Appx Cy "C1"

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	Sat 12 Jun		C.O's Orderly Room: OX 25126 Pte JOHNSTON, E.C., AWL 2145 hrs 12 Jun - 1850 hrs 13 Jun - awarded 21 days F.P. Race meeting at KULARA. Our allotment 200.	
		1400	Pte Campbell, WGE released from FPC (conviction & sentence quashed).	
		1600	Volunteers for app. as I.O. of Sgt, 1 Aust Parachute Bn. required by Div.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Sun 13 Jun	0900	<p>church parades.</p> <p>Sporting: Rugby - Bn 1st XV lost to 4th AA Regt., 8-11 Bn 2nd XV defeated " " " " , 35-0</p> <p>Soccer - Bn 1st XI defeated 2/3rd Amb., 9-0</p> <p>Baseball - Bn 1st IX defeated 2/12th Aust Bk Regt., 15-5</p> <p>26 Aust Inf Bde orders for "HOTFOOT" Exercise received. 2/2 MG Bn to detail three composite Coys, each 4 oppo 100 ops To act as enemy, D Coy allotted 2/48 Bn, A Coy 2/23 Bn & HQ Coy to 2/24 Bn (19-27 Jun). This Bn also to supply 1 oppo to each bn as an observer.</p> <p>Coy to come under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for exercise 1800 hrs 18 Jun.</p>	<p>Appx "B" "HOTFOOT"</p>

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	Mon 14 Jun	1000	<p>NX 60 099 Pte BROWNE, C.A., Trans to 1 Aust Water Tpt (Small Craft) Trig Depot, RAE.</p> <p>Chaplains ALCORN & JAEGER to Chaplains' School for week.</p> <p>Manning chart being prepared by Cpl EVST of all WOs & NCOs in Bn.</p>	
		0900	<p>Capt FRK STANILAND on BCM at Div HQ.</p>	
			<p>24 Bde Movement Order No 3 recd - Adv. parties to move to Trig area camp 6286 (CAIRNS 1/63360) on 15 Jun 43. Four, all ranks, of mg Bn (C. Coy) incl.</p> <p>C1 pl allotted 2/28 Bn, C2 to 2/32 Bn; C3 to 2/43 Bn.</p> <p>NX 34288 Pte GITTINS, C., Taken on strength ex LIDDINGTON leave (under escort).</p>	Appx "C"
			<p>New canteen building in use.</p>	
			<p>Lieut's RGR Bennett & KGN Kibble Top No 2 MT Course - 97% each.</p> <p>No 3 MT Course begins.</p>	

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	Tues 15 Jan		NX 15827 Pte P. E. GARDINER attending Combined Camouflage Sq Course No 2.	
		0930	Lecture on direct air support by Capt. Hanson (ASC).	
		1115	Lecture to ISchool (officers) by Pte P. E. Gardiner (2 Aust Motor Mts Flight) on Meteorology.	
			D Coy leave for Trig area (to act as enemy to 2/48 Bn in "HOTFOOT")	Appx "B" "HOTFOOT"
		1630	Pte Farr missing from Bn FPC.	
			NX 15832 Pte LIPMAN, R. L., Trans 2/4 Aust LFAA Regt	
			QX 25126 Pte Johnston, EC committed 2 Aust Corps FPC.	
			NX 21525 Lt Cpl Challis, N. H. WONS without reasonable excuse allowed to escape a person committed to his custody (AA 20(2)). Reverted to the ranks & Trans back to A Coy.	
			2/48 Bn camped near unit area, on move to Trig area ("HOTFOOT")	
			Pte M PEACHEY & Cpl E E Oakes nominated as I.O & I. Sgt respectively, 1 Aust Parachute Bn.	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Absences references to Remarks and
	Jan 12		<p>1930 The staff reviewed the... (HOLFOOT,)</p> <p>1112 Review of I-2400 (copy) of... (HOLFOOT,)</p> <p>1030 Review of... (HOLFOOT,)</p> <p>IX 12300 Review of... (HOLFOOT,)</p>	

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	Wed 16 Jan		<p>Promulgation of DEM - NX 32602 Pte CASS, R.W.H., was malingering (AA 18(1)). Found guilty & sentenced to suffer pd pun for 90 days & to forfeit all ord. pay for 90 days (from 10 Jan), Conf. by Maj Gen G F Wooten, CO 9 Div. Total forfeiture. £29/5/-</p> <p>Pte Cass committed to 2 Aust Corps FPC.</p> <p>2/48 Bn (Day as enemy) begin 26 Rte ("HOTFOOT") Exercise.</p> <p>1400 Pte HAWKINS dE leaves for coast to report to 24 Aust Bn (Tandania)</p>	"B"

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	Thurs 17 Jun		I School on outdoor exercise at Tobacco Hill - battle procedure.	
			A Coy on exercise ("HOTFOOT"), acting as enemy to 2/23 Bn (17/25 Jun)	"B"
		0730	Coy leave for CAIRNS area on exercise.	
		1200	" arrive camp area, tents pitched in sapling country of flat.	
		1400	NX59747 pte HAWKINS, J., leaves for coast to report to R4 area on bridge (malaria work).	
			NX 25154 Sgt Longhurst, A.W., rejoin unit ex no 2 MMG course, Bonegilla.	

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	Fri 18 Jan	0730.	<p>NX 60100 pte Gould, C.E., Trans 1 Aust Water Tps (Small Craft) Trg Depot, RAE. NX 56387 at Sgt Wiley, J.G., Trans to D.R.O., Warwick. ISchool revision. DCM: pte Anderson, W.R. (AWL).</p>	
		1600	<p>NX 55966 Cpl Cust, J.G., attending LHQ School of M.I. Course No 10 (Air Photo Interpretation Wing).</p>	
		1800	<p>C Coy under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.</p>	

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	Sat 19		NX 23409 A/Sgt JENKINS, L.F. attending LHA School of Mechanisation, Melb. Wing — Unit Instructors & Testing Officer	
	Sun		NX 24543 W/Cpl STREET, A.J. Course No 1. (20 Bde HQ)	
			NX 31878 Pte Radford, G.C. and NX 23672 Pte Bolch, C.H., attending No 2 Cooking School (2/4 Bde area) 20 Jun - 10 Jul.	
		0830-1130	Final Test and conclusion of Unit Intelligence School.	
		1330	HQ Coy (comp. Coy) leave for Trq area to act as enemy for 2/24 Jun.	approx B: "HOT FOOT"
			Cinema - "Invisible Stripes"	
			Bar Snack Bar in new canteen building opened for first time.	
			Built by unit carpenters & R/Siff & staffed by Cpl Shingood & cooks from unit.	

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	Monday		C.O. visits Coy's in the field w 26 and night side exercise	
	21 Jun		1/2 Lt Beech, Cpl Millard des to 1 and Parachute Sig Depot, for Trig.	
			9 Aust Div Op 9. No 1 recd. Div to provide Airfield Def Force + Mob Res Force for defence MAREEBA airfields A Coy 2/2 MG BN to form part A.D.F. and D Coy of Mob. R.F.	Appx " " MAREEBA
			Report received from Clay, Trig held up owing insufficient craft. Very long periods waked (0445-2400 hrs yesterday).	
			Lieut WM Bennett to attend 1010 INTELLIGENCE Course, Southport	
			Lieut GT Ferguson returns from BONEGILLA School.	
			QX 7896 Pte Johnston, RA QX 9045 Pte Walker, R.S. QX 10679 Sgt Johnston	
			RA , granted 6 days emergency leave, 3 days w/pay 39 w/out. To 2/8/43 incl	

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	Tuesday		Returns to Div of Gps for appointment to Comd & officers recom	
	RR Jun		for staff appts.	
			C.O. on recess to fd firing range (at HERBERTON 1/62266—048090)	
		0900	EX 19304 Lieut K.N.G. KIBBLE evac 6 AGH Lieut Peachey to Div for dem Cap enemy weapons	
			NX3050 Lt/Cpl PURDON, K.R. attending ^{Just} Aust Army Weaponry School, Junior Leaders' Course	
		1500	Lieut PEACHEY (I.O.), Lieut CE JARR to Div for lecture by J/ls Gardner on "Meteorology".	
		1600	D Coy return from bivouac with 26 hrs exercise	
			<u>PROMULGATION</u> DCM - EX 2280 Pte Anderson, W.R., AWL 2141 hrs 23 May - 2211 hrs 8 Jun. Found guilty, to suffer fd pun for 45 days & to forfeit all ord pay for 45 days. Total forfeiture £22/15/- Committed 2 Corps FPC.	
			NGX54 Lt/Cpl Edgell, DB trans ANGAU	
			WX12067 Pte SNASHALL, F.D. Trans 1 Coy & fd PK Sqn RAE	

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Unit 2/2 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION Date and Time.—From To

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	The 25 Jun 43	0900	<p>Capt Nicholas at Div - DCM.</p> <p>A Coy leave on MAREEBA exercise</p> <p>B Coy on exercise.</p> <p>Bn allotted 30 personnel (2 x 3 tonners) for Sunday trip to barine</p> <p>(Tour of forestry area with expert) - Party i/c Padre Jaeger</p> <p>D Coy take over duties from B Coy. B Cooran, O. G. S. D.</p> <p>Beakley O. S. P.; Cpl Bannan O. Cpl.</p>	
		0900 1930	<p>A Coy return</p> <p>Ptes Bishop, E., Murray, S. E., Roughley, W. E., Redfern, R., M/Cor Petty, A. C.</p> <p>Prom A/Cpls (cooks) (See RO (139))</p>	

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	Sat. 26 Jun	0830-	Maj Seale & Capt DR K Standland leave for Div for discussions on	
	43	to 1700	Comb Ops. directed by GOC, ref CO 1,2,3,4/20/40	
			2 B Coy personnel on Whertons leave	
			Census of office	
			Cinema - "I Stole a Million"	
			Bn baseball IX lost to R Sta Hospital U.S.F. 4-18. Americans afterwards entertained by bn team in "snack bar" messes.	

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	mm 28 Jun		Revis R. G. CANN appts Spots & Amenities Offr.	
	43		Filters Trade Tested.	
			All Bn cooks Trade-Tested, transferred to Australian Army Catering Corps attached this unit, w.e.f. ^{26 Jun} Today.	(R.O. 28 Jun) E
			Two Spts, 5 Cpls & 14 ORs affected.	
			Ration books collected from Div by Revis J. Thawan.	
		0730	Revis W. M. BENNETT to LHR School of Military Intelligence, Course 2010, Berlin Wing.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S SUMMARY

Combined Ops Trg

Training advanced a further stage during the month, when Brigade exercises were held. In addition, a period of training in combined operations opened on the coast, at the northern end of TRINITY BAY. C Coy of this Bn accompanied the 24 Aust Inf Bde Group on 17 Jun.

During the time the Coy was on the coast it was not used tactically in any amphibious operation, but represented the enemy in three such exercises. The men did, however, gain experience in getting into and out of the landing craft, which proved no more complicated than embussing and debussing, with more room to move in.

In later discussions the Brigadier pointed out that he considered that a Bde in an amphibious operation would work on the basis of groups -- two bns fwd, each on a separate mission; one bn sited in rear and centrally, on another mission; and behind that again, on a further mission, would come the supporting arms of the Brigade Group -- arty, tk A, AA, MMGs and other units.

The infantry, with their short range weapons and greater mobility in executing a landing and forming an immediate bridge-head, would establish themselves temporarily. By the time that had been done, the supporting arms would be available, and the sp arms comds, in consultation with the Brigadier, would then be able to site their respective weapons for their tasks, according to the situation as it was at the time. From then on they would be able to operate as a straight-out Bde Gp, in normal land ops.

There are one or two problems in that which present themselves to us. One is that we have found, in jungle trg, that the maximum we can carry in the way of stores, over any lengthy period, is a Section's guns, plus six boxes of amm per gun. This is the total amount that can be handled by one platoon of 40 men.

The problem of landing a Pl or Coy, with full W E, minus vehs, and then being able to follow through with the Bde Gp if fighting in jungle country, needs to be given considerable consideration before leaving the home shore. Otherwise, half the stores

of the Coy would have to be left in a dump after the first action -- possibly before that, owing to casualties.

The question of the usability of MMGs is, of course, one which is decided by the terrain. If the landing is to be made where there is any considerable amount of jungle above high water mark, and there is very little open country where MMGs could be made to fire effectively--during the whole operation, that is-- the best thing to do is to leave the MMGs, and the arty and tk A guns, at home.

Any operation in which a Bde Gp had to reorganise after landing on a perhaps unguarded beach, or practically unopposed, and then cover a distance of 20 or 30 miles before the main battle opened, would require careful consideration by us.

There you would have the situation of our having to keep up with the advance elements of the infantry, which brings in the problem of what transport is the minimum that can be used to shift us. Our men can move as fast as the infantry, but we can't do it carrying our stores.

The solution is fairly obvious, provided the craft and the conditions are available. In any country, or any island, where there are reasonable roads or tracks, it would be possible to maintain a platoon in action, and over a considerable period of time, if you had 2 x 15 cwt trucks or, preferably, two Jeeps with trailers, to a Pl. This would allow stores to be packed in them and an adequate supply of amm -- at least first line, 32 belts. The jeep and trailer could also be used for the replenishment of the amm supply. The speed with which we could travel then would be quite as fast, if not faster, than that of the forward elements of the infantry.

C Coy tried experiments in firing from the personnel type landing craft at CAIRNS. A gun was fired from the front shutter on the ramp of the LCVP. It was a reasonably choppy day and a fairly high wind was producing spray. From ranges of 600 yds to 100 yds, approx, from the shore, the fire effect would be approximately 50% both in accuracy and volume.

A further suggestion for firing the gun from the gunwhale amidships the craft was put forward. It was not tested out, but personally I think it would be more effective. Although the gun, and all stores, became very wet during the firing, this did not affect the gun immediately.

Had it been necessary to put the gun down on the beach and to continue firing in action for any length of time, without stripping and cleaning it, there probably would have been trouble

B Coy will move to the coast early next month, to be followed by D Coy.

"HOTFOOT" EXERCISE

During the latter half of the month 26 Aust Inf Bde conducted a series of Bn exercises, under Bde control, known as "Hotfoot". This unit supplied three composite Coys to act as enemy for each inf bn in turn.

The exercise was designed to test the inf bn organisation for jungle warfare over a 7 day period as to supply, comms and adm generally, to test and review trg so far carried out, and to gain experience in supplies by air.

From the point of view of the enemy, the exercise proved an outstanding success, and all Coys employed gained invaluable experience, particularly in infantry tactics and defensive operations in jungle country.

Defence of Mareeba Airfield

A Coy has been allotted to a composite force responsible for the defence of MAREEBA airfield in the event of any enemy attack, with D Coy as part of the mobile reserve. The Coy Comds have carried out a recce of the area during the month, and chosen posns for defensive fire.

Camp Amenities

The steady improvement in camp amenities continued during the month, and we are now as comfortable as we have ever been, either in Australia or the Middle East. The canteen, built entirely by our own craftsmen, largely with timber obtained from the nearby bush, has been completed, and two-thirds of it is now occupied by a "snack bar", where the men can obtain, at minimum cost, a very tasty meal.

Sport ~~is~~ occupied most of our leisure time during the month, when interest in football, soccer and baseball was keen. Work has now begun on the clearing of a hockey field, and the building of a tennis court, which will provide further scope for the sporting proclivities of the unit.

Jun 43

RATIONS : Hard Rations were delivered in the Field by the Unit Caterer, to 3 Coys which participated in Bde exercises, for a period of 12 days. In addition they received substantial assistance by way of Supplementary Rations and Fresh Milk. In Camp the normal Rations remained unchanged and proved as satisfactory as previously. Considerable quantity of fresh milk still obtainable.

CLOTHING : Shirts and Trousers J.G. were still on short supply, especially the larger sizes. The Indents for other items were fulfilled to a large degree. In addition W.E. Clothing, viz., Helmets crash, Trousers M/C, Goggles Unsplinterable, Capes Machine-Gunners, Gloves Machine-Gunners were supplied in full, but Gloves and Jackets M/C were not available.

TRANSPORT : Remained unchanged from the previous month, viz., 1 3-ton truck, 1 15-cwt van & 1 M/C.

W.E. STORES : During the month the following major items were received :-

VMGs .303-in	-	3;	No. now on hand	35;	Estab.	48.
Rifles Boys	-	7;	" " " "	18;	"	18.
Pistols rev.38	-	In this connection, Pistols rev. .455 & .450 were exchanged for Pistols rev. using standardis amn, viz., .38.				
Cooking Eqpt :-	The majority of items under Sec.J.					

Main accessories of VMG still not to hand, comprise; (Sec C.1)

		Estab
Boxes, Spare Parts & Tools	-	10. 24
Cases, " " "	-	45 48
Guns VMG .303-in	-	13 48
Mtgs Tripod	-	13 48
Lamps Aiming Mk.III	-	33 48
Barrels spare	-	13 48
Rules Slide	-	12 44
Sights night back	-	14 48
" " fore	-	14 48
Tubings condenser steam	-	44 48

All Controlled Stores under Sec V.5 are still outstanding, comprising:

Clinometers (48), Directors No.9 (12), Plotters M.G (12); Rangefinders (24), Sights Dial (48), Stands Instruments No.14 (24), Stands Instruments No.28 (12), Stands Instruments No.2 (12), Telescopes Signalling (12), Watches G.S. (24).

Under Sec. W.2 totally unfulfilled items are : Batteries, dry, Y Mk.II (required for Lamps Aiming); Do. wireless & telephone; Instruments testing, (1).

Similarly under Secs. Y and Z.1 :- Lamps sig. daylight short range; Apparatus Cable-laying; Switchboards U.C.10-line (2); Test Sets (1). Voltmeters pocket 120-volts (1); Wireless Sets No.108 - 2 still required.

GENERAL : The Snack Bar, the major work of which was carried out by "Q" Tradesmen, was completed and cannot be considered other than as satisfactory.

..... *W. J. Lamb* Lieut
QM.

26 JUL 1943

26 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE

"HOTFOOT"

Opening Narrative

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch - 1 mile

For the purpose of the exercise LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER will represent the sea shore of an island known as MULGRAVE ISLAND which has been held by 9 Aust Div since the beginning of hostilities.

1. Enemy

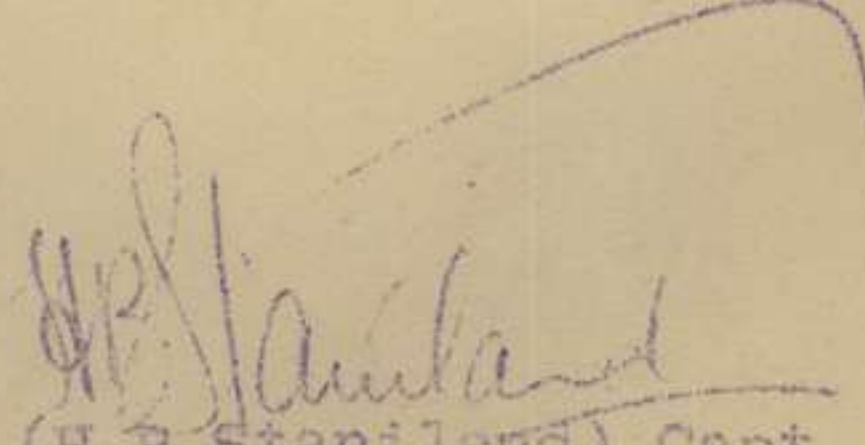
On 29 May 43 a landing was made on MULGRAVE ISLAND between 37 and 41 northing grids by a force of JAPS estimated at one regt.

By 14 Jun this force had advanced westwards and was held up by 24 Aust Inf Bde who are holding a defensive posn in area 5038.

Enemy air activity has been on a large scale and they are known to have partially developed an air strip in area 5639. The enemy is also known to have made considerable dumps in area 616346.

2. Own Tps

26 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to capture the enemy landing strip and to destroy the dumps.


(H B Staniland) Capt
for Maj
EM 26 Aust Inf Bde

26 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE

SUPPLY BY AIR

Ref Map : GORDONVALE 1 inch - 1 mile

To be read in conjunction with 26 Aust Inf Bde Exercise "HOTFOOT". For security reasons all signals dealing with the exercise will be prefixed by the codename "HOTFOOT".

1. General

During the above exercise it has been arranged for 503 Parachute Regt (A.U.S.) to drop supplies to each bn for a period of 4 days.

2. Time table for dropping

Unit	Date												
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
2/48 Bn					X	X	X	X					
2/23 Bn							X	X	X	X			
2/24 Bn								X	X	X	X		
Bde HQ					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

3. Code Names

Code names and Panel Display Strips are allotted as follows :-

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	NEIL	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	SNOW	+
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	FOG	+
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	MIST	+

Code names and Panel Display Strips for bundles are allotted as follows :-

Rations	EAGLE	T
Amn	TIGER	
Miscellaneous (Items to include sig eqpt)	SHARK	H

4. Call Signs

Fwd supply dump	MAREEBA	SY2
26 Aust Inf Bde		DV3
Aircraft		PX1

5. Map References

All map references in connection with supplies will be given from the THRUST LINE shown on the attached sketch.

6. Dumps

Bde ASC offr will establish a forward supply dump at MAREEBA AIRFIELD on 18 Jun 43.

7. Intercommunication

a. Following wireless gp will be established.

- i. 1 set at forward supply dump MAREEBA (American)
- ii. 1 No 11 set with 26 Aust Inf Bde at dropping area.
- iii. 1 set in aircraft (American)

b. Frequencies 4440 K/cs - alternate 4255 K/cs

c. Cypher

Bde cypher personnel will be stationed at both the dropping area and the supply dump so that should the necessity arise normal cypher messages can be passed.

8. Method of calling for supplies

a. The unit or units concerned will advise Bde HQ by 0800 hrs on the day preceeding that on which supplies are required of their total strength.

b. Bde HQ will then write a message for transmission to the forward supply dump as follows :-

To SY2
From DV3

15 E 10.5

HOTFOOT SNOW fifty EAGLE two TIGER (map reference)
0830 0600

This would mean that 2/48 Aust Inf Bn requires 50 bundles of rations and two bundles of amn dropped at a certain map reference at 0830 hrs and that the message was originated at 0600 hrs.

When more than one bn requires supplies the procedure is still the same.

e.g. HOTFOOT SNOW sixty EAGLE (15 E 10.5) 1400 MIST three TIGER (15 E 10.5) 1800 - 0900

c. Parachute loads will be made up of 6 x 40 lb bundles each of which would be the approx ration for 12-14 men per day. The scale of amn per bundle would normally be laid down so that units requiring amn would know the number of bundles for which to requisition.

d. The panel display sign for the unit concerned will be displayed, marking the centre of the dropping area 15 mins before the scheduled time for dropping.

(NB Units will put out panel display strips on instn from SC Bde HQ)

/9.

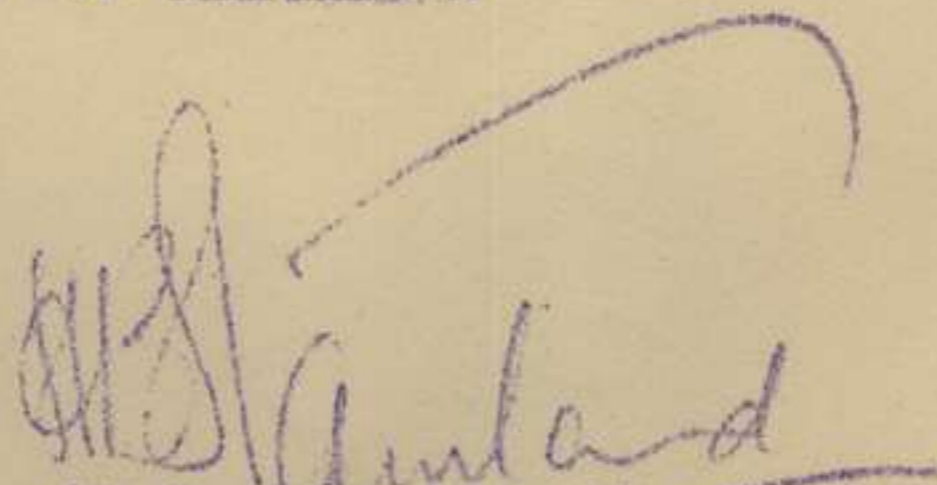
9. Method of calling for supplies (Comm having failed)

- a. In the event of breakdown in comms units will put out on the dropping area their unit panel display and approx 20 ft to 30 ft away the panel display sign for the type of bundle required. This display is to be put out 15 mins before the time at which supplies were dropped on the previous day. There is no provision made for the indication of the number of bundles required.
- b. A recce aircraft will be sent out from the forward supply dump area to where it is expected that units will require supplies. The pilot will note requirements and return to the dump where Bde ASC offr will supply sufficient of the articles required to cover requirements. These are then taken to the dropping area.

(NB Units will put out panel display on instns from SC Bde HQ)

10. Supply and Recovery Teams

- a. HQ 9 Aust Div AASC is to supply two teams of 1 offr and 13 ORs and 1 offr and 15 ORs for duty at the forward supply dump and the dropping area respectively. The former will be under comd Bde ASC offr and the latter under Comd SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- b. The team with 26 Aust Inf Bde will act as a recovery team and will be responsible for the recovery of all supplies and eqpt dropped.
- c. Parachutes will be returned daily to GORDONVALE while containers will be returned daily to MAREEBA.

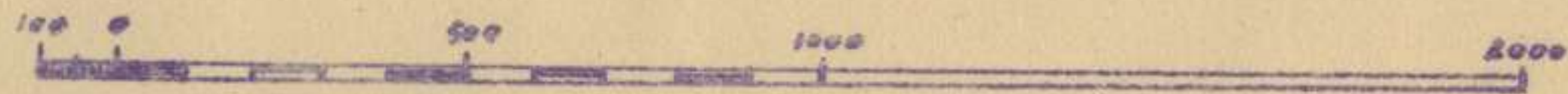
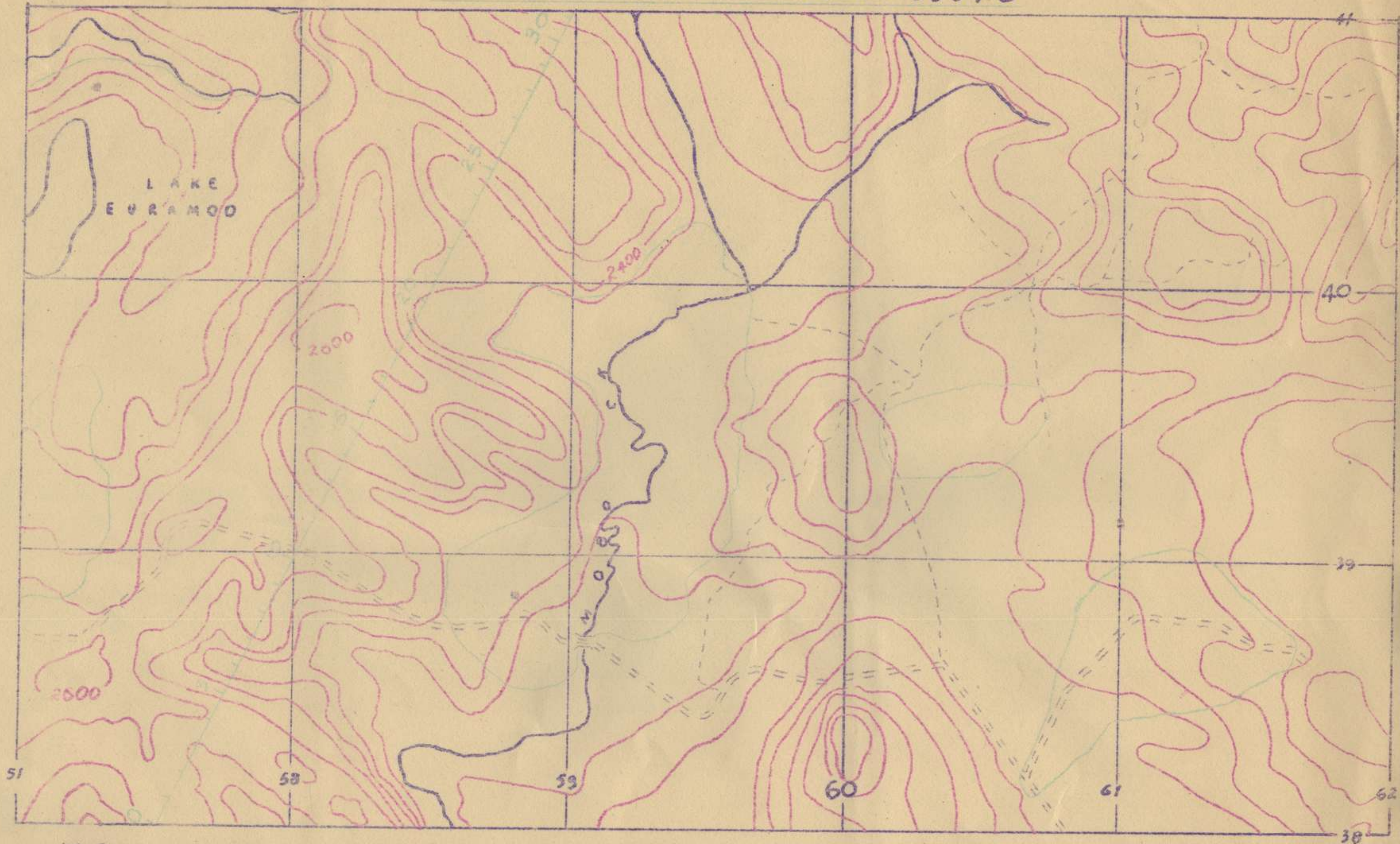

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 BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION :-

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2
L Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	4
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	1 (a)
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1 (a)
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	1 (a)
AASC 9 Aust Div	3
503 Parachute Regt (A.U.S)	1
9 Aust Div	1
Station Comd MAREEBA AIRFIELD	1
Comd	1
BM	1
SC	1
IO	1
TO	1
Bde ASC offr	1
File	2
War Diary	2
Spare	5

(a) for infm only.

THRUST LINE... 575380 - 590410



SCALE 4 inches = 1 Mile

V. I. 50 Feet
R. F. 1:15,840.

Copy No.....
13 Jun 4326 AUST INF BDE 7 DAY BN EXERCISE WITH TPSExercise "HOTFOOT"

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch - 1 mile

For security reasons all messages written in connection with the exercise will be prefixed by the codename "HOTFOOT".

1. Tps taking part in exercise

a. The following tps will be exercised as under :-

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde	as ordered by DS
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	15-23 Jun
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	17-25 Jun
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	19-27 Jun

Bns will move complete from the camp area leaving only sufficient gds for security purposes. The question of LOB personnel will not be taken into consideration for the exercises.

b. 2/2 Aust MG Bn is to detail three composite coys each of 4 offrs and 100 ORs to act as enemy. One coy will be allotted to each bn for the duration of the exercise.

c. Supporting armsi. Arty

2/12 Aust Fd Regt is to supply one bty for the exercises and one FOO with each bn being exercised.

ii. MMG

2/2 Aust MG Bn isto supply 1 offr to each bn as an observer.

iii. Medical

2/11 Aust Fd Amb is to supply one det for each bn.

The offrs in comd of supporting arms above will contact the bn with whom they are to co-operate at least 2 days before the start of the exercise.

d. Air

i. 503 Parachute Regt A.U.S. is to co-operate and will drop supplies daily to each bn for a period of 4 days during the exercise.

ii. Further details will be issued in a separate instn.

iii. 5 AC Sqn RAAF is to supply Tac R reports daily starting on 16 Jun.

2. Object of the Exercise

- a. To exercise each bn of 26 Aust Inf Bde for a continuous period of 7 days covering the main phases of jungle warfare up to and incl bn attacks and withdrawal.
- b. To test the bn organisation over a 7 day period as to supply, comms and adm generally.
- c. To test and review trg so far carried out.
- d. To gain experience in supplies by air.
- e. Co-operation with supporting arms.

3. Scope of Exercise

The scope and general outline of the exercise is given in Appx A.

Detailed narratives and instns for enemy and umpires will be issued to bns during the bde control period after each phase. Suggested narratives etc for the part of the exercise to be controlled by the bn will be issued before the exercise starts for the assistance of bn comds. Whether these are used in whole or in part, it is essential that the time and space laid down is adhered to owing to the fact that all bns will be moving over the same route.

4. Main lessons and principles to be studied

- a. Sec pl and coy formations.
- b. Ambushes.
- c. Automatic battle drill.
- d. Encircling movements.
- e. Mopping up areas.
- f. March discipline.
- g. Bivouac formations.
- h. Passing of infm and intelligence duties.
- k. Maintenance of amm and supplies.
- l. Evacuation of wounded and PW

5. Control of Exercise

- a. Directing staff :

Brig D A Whitehead	Director
Lt-Col Goodwin	Asst " (RAA)
Capt H B Staniland	" "
Capt J O Geddes	" " (Q)
Maj F A G Tucker	Chief Umpire

b. Umpires

Chief Umpire : Maj F A G Tucker - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Teams of umpires will be constituted as under :-

/2/23

2/23 Aust Inf Bn to umpire 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 2/24 Aust Inf Bn " 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/48 Aust Inf Bn " 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Each team will consist of 6 offrs and 17 NCOs.
 It is essential that sound offrs and NCOs be chosen as umpires.

c. Enemy

Capt K J T Bleri	Enemy Co-ordinator
Lieut K Benson	Asst enemy co-ordinator
Lieut S A B Mazzuchelli	" " "

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Capt C L Fisher	OC Enemy
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Capt P B Green	OC Enemy
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	Capt G M Turner	OC Enemy

Enemy co-ordinator will arrange the necessary liaison between OC enemy parties and bns concerned to ensure that there is no breakdown on the change-over from bn to bde control.

d. Bde Control

Directing staff will control bn exercises on the following dates :-

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	16-17 Jun
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	20-21 Jun
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	24-26 Jun

6. Control Comms

L Sec 9 Aust Div sigs will lay a line throughout the course of the exercise. This line will be used by control staff ONLY. The line will be laid on the right of all tracks used and all ranks must be warned of its use and the necessity for NOT interfering with the line in any way. Enemy and umpires will tap in on the line as ordered. All other lines MUST be laid on left of tracks.

7. Co-ordinating conference

A conference of DS, umpires and OC enemy parties will be held at HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 1400 hrs 14 Jun then subsequently as ordered.

8. Dress

- a. Own tps Battle order with slacks, long sleeved shirts, hats.
- b. Enemy As for (a) with white hat bands.
- c. DS & Umpires As for (a) with white arm bands on both arms. White bands to be supplied by Bde HQ.

9. Amn

- a. No ball amn of any description will be carried during the exercise.
- b. Blank amn will be made available by Bde HQ.

/10.

10. Administration

Adm instns will be issued separately.

11. Control HQ.

Control HQ will move with and be in the vicinity of the bn under control at the particular time

12. Codenames callsigns R/T code

a. Codenames

The following codenames are allotted for use with R/T throughout the exercise :-

<u>2/23 Bn</u>	<u>2/24 Bn</u>	<u>2/48 Bn</u>
BOLO	DOXO	RASO
HALO	BIDA	BICO
BENE	BONO	CULO
SELA	CENA	DEPI
HIFA	DABO	FIDU
FIFI	FIEFO	GOCI
LADO	GANI	IADA
BUNU	HOHO	YOYI
CALA	KONA	PACA
DINO	LEBA	DUNI
LULU	MONI	HELO
BANA	YACI	BICI

Units will submit details of re-allotment of codenames to sub-units the day before the exercise starts.

b. Call Signs

The following call signs are allotted :-

Control HQ	PBY
26 Bde main	KJT

c. R/T Code

An R/T code for use throughout the exercise will be issued separately.

13. Synchronization of Time

ABC time will be taken.

H B Staniland

(H B Staniland) Capt
for Maj
EM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Appx A to 26 Aust Inf Bde Exercise
"HOTFOOT"

SCOPE AND GENERAL OUTLINE

Day	Phase	Narrative	Action	Remarks
1	1	Contact by leading sec	Pl encirclement	
	2	Contact by leading sec	Pl or Coy attack and mopping up	(a)
	3	Ambush	Pl or Coy encirclement	
	4	Leading coys held up	Bn attack	(b)
2	5	Coy held up	Coy attack	
	6	Leading coys held up	Coy attack	(a)
	7	Bn reaches air strip	Bn attack	(b)
3	8	Ambush	Pl encirclement	
	9	Leading coys held up at clearing	Bn attack and mopping up Perimeter bivouac for night	(a) (b)
4	10	(Bn to watch supplies being dropped from aircraft) Leading coy held up	Coy deployment	(a)
	11	Second coy attacked Leading coy encircled	Defensive posns dug	(b)
5	12	Extrication leading coy	Encirclement enemy force	(a)
	13	Enemy in strength on ridge	Bn attack	
	14 15	Immediate counter attack Enemy in strength surrounding own tps	Own tps forced to withdraw night attack after midnight	(b)
6	15	Rest in morning	- - -	(a)
	16	Tac R reports large enemy force moving in direction of own tps	Development of defensive posn	
	17	Enemy attack launched	Posn held	(b)
7	18	Leading coy held up at bridge	Coy attack	(a)
	19	Advance continued to dump area. Dumps strongly held	Bn attack	
	20	Own tps cover the destruction of the dumps after which they are again attacked	Bn withdrawal	(b) Vehs pick up tps and return to camp

Note : (a) Lunch (b) Evening meal

- i. Additional night ops will be included by the DS as required.
- ii. Further phases may be introduced or certain existing one may be deleted

DISTRIBUTION (incl Adm Instn No 1 and subsequent instns to be issued)

<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>Exercise "HOTFOOT"</u>		<u>Opening Narrative</u>		<u>Detailed Narrative Each Phase</u>		<u>Instns to Enemy and Probable Action Own Tps</u>		<u>Instns to Umpires</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>No</u>	<u>Date issued</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Date issued</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Date issued</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Date issued</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Date issued</u>	
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	6	13 Jun	6	13 Jun	1	(a)	1	(a)	1	(a)	(a) To be issued after each phase when bn is under control. Otherwise issued before exercise starts
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	6	"	6	"	1	(a)	1	(a)	1	(a)	
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	6	"	6	"	1	(a)	1	(a)	1	(a)	
L Sec Sigs	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
78 Aust IAD	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
2/2 Aust MG Bn	4	"	4	"	4		4		4		
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	4	"	4	"	4		4		4		
5 AC Sqn RAAF	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
503 Para Regt AUS Reserve	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
(1 for 9 Aust Div Director	3	"	3	"	3		3		3		
Asst Directors (3)	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
Chief Umpire	3	"	3	"	3		3		3		
Umpires	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
Enemy Co-ordinators	3	"	3	"	69		69		69		
" dets	3	"	3	"	3		3		3		
IC	1	"	1	"	21		21		21		
TO	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
BSCO	1	"	1	"	1		1		1		
File	2	"	2	"	2		2		2		
War Diary	2	"	2	"	2		2		2		
<u>TOTALS</u>	55		55		124		124		124		

General sitreps may be issued from time to time by control HQ. Tac R reports will be submitted daily by 5 AC Sqn RAAF.

H.Q. COY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1.63360

1. RATION and WATER DELIVERY. (early afternoon).

21 Jun Water House 569395
 Rations Bridge 591387

22 Jun Rations Track Junct 606383

23 Jun Rations & Water House 613375

24 Jun " " Bridge 613363

25 Jun " " House 616345

Rations delivered 25 Jun 43 will be breakfast and lunch 26 Jun 43. Coy will return to camp for evening meal.

2. CANTEN. If possible Coy will carry one week's supply. Failing that one delivery will be made - to be arranged.
3. AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES. Will be divided into three equal portions. These will be disposed.

- (1) Carried by Coy 19 Jun
- (2) Delivered to bridge 591387 21 Jun
- (3) " " house 613375 23 Jun

4. DRESS. Battle order (JGs to be worn where possible) Hats with white bands. Carried in pack or haversack will be:- Toilet gear (incl razor) spare socks and spare clothing (if desired) Mess gear, sweater, one blanket sleeping bag.

5. WEAPONS and MACHETES. These will be carried as follows :-

Coy HQ. 3 Owen guns, 2 machetes.

No 1 PL 2 Bren guns, 7 Owen guns, 2 machetes.

No 2 PL 3 Bren guns, 7 Owen guns, 2 machetes.

No 3 PL 2 Bren guns, 7 Owen guns, 2 machetes.

Personnel not carrying Bren or Owen guns will carry rifles. This applies to all ranks.

6. BAYONETS and machetes will be sharpened.

DISTRIBUTION. O.C.
 Lieut Ginn
 No 1 PL
 No 2 PL
 No 3 PL
 C.S.M.
 C.Q.M.S.
 S.M.
 - Bn HQ.
 File.

NOTED	
C.O.	2
2/c	1
Adj.	1
Q.M.	
M.O.	3
I.O.	
T.O.	
R.S.M.	4

14 JUN 43

26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN "HOTFOOT" No 1

Ref Map: GORDONVALE 1 in - 1 mile.

To be read in conjunction with 26 Aust Inf Bde Exercise HOTFOOT. For security reasons all signals dealing with the exercise will be prefixed by the codeword HOTFOOT.

1. POL

POL will be drawn in bulk from DID by Bde TO and dumped at Main Bde HQ.

2. Water

Unit arrangements.

3. Sups

- a. On moving out of present areas all units will carry on the man:
- i. unconsumed portion of the days ration. This may be delivered to bivouac area under unit arrangements on D day.
 - ii. 3 days hard ration Normal scale but with tinned equivalents for fresh items. For consumption on D plus 1, D plus 2, D plus 3.
 - iii. 2 days emergency rations These are for use in an emergency only and will be returned to the DID on completion of the exercise unless an emergency arises.
- b. On D plus 4, to D plus 7 incl, sups will be dropped by air as indicated in instns issued separately.
- i. For Bde HQ, 2/23, 2/48 Aust Inf Bns These sups will be for consumption on the day they are dropped. As the "dropped sups" will not be available in time for the first meal, units will draw on D plus 3 from Main Bde HQ 1/3 days ration. This will enable the breakfast meal to "carry over" for each succeeding day. On D plus 7, 2/3 days ration only will be dropped.
 - ii. For 2/24 Aust Inf Bn Sups dropped by air will be for consumption on the following day.
- c. Sups dropped by air Units will send MT to dropping area to report to AASC Offr i/c at 0800 hrs daily to collect sups.
- d. Bde Res Dump A special Bde Res Dump will be established at Main Bde HQ by Bde HQ COMS. This will consist of 1+1/3 days Hard Rations.
- e. Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt Will be rationed under unit arrangements throughout except for the tp which is att to a bn on D plus 4 until the exercise is completed. From D plus 4 this tp will be rationed by the bn to which it is att.
- f. Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb will be rationed under unit arrangements as set out in sub para (a) above and from D plus 4 onwards by the bn to which the dets are att.

- g. Enemy will be rationed under unit arrangements for the entire exercise. Bde TO will provide tpt if necessary.
- h. Umpires, FOOs, Arty Sig parties etc will be rationed by units to which att.
- i. Dets remaining in camp will draw fresh rations in the normal way.

4. Tpt

Details of tp carrying tpt for returning personnel to camp on completion of the exercise will be advised later.

5. Medical

- a. Normal sick will be evacuated through fd amb dets staging posts and thence to amb cars as arranged by 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.
- b. Exercise casualties will be "treated" by fd amb dets and after treatment will be available again for further use in the exercise.

6. Rec

2/78 Aust LAD will be established vicinity Main Bde HQ.

7. PW

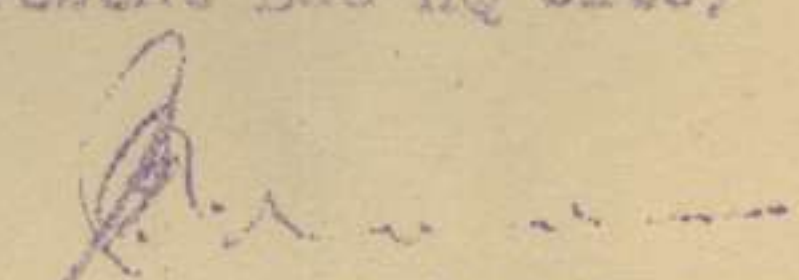
will be escorted by units to control HQ and handed over to SC who will arrange onward movement.

8. Definition

D day will be understood as the day on which a unit leaves its present camp area.

9. Intercomm

SC at Control HQ
TO at Main Bde HQ
Bde ASC Offr at fwd sup dump MAREEBA
Amenities Offr at Rear Bde HQ (present Bde HQ site)


(W O Geddes) Capt
for SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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As per Exercise "HOTFOOT".

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26 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE

"HOTFOOT"

DAY 1

Detailed Narrative 1 - Phase 1.

As leading sec is moving along the track at approx 520382 the scouts are ambushed and the sec fired on.

An encircling move is developed and the enemy party is captured.

Main force of attack probably on south of ambush owing to more favourable ground.

Our tps suffer 5 casualties approx

Detailed Narrative 2 - Phase 2

As leading sec moves up towards the crest of a hill at approx 527381, the scouts are fired on from the Northern side of a clearing.

When the clearing is captured by our tps, enemy snipers remain on the fringe of the clearing necessitating a patrol to mop them up.

Our tps suffer 12 casualties approx.

Detailed Narrative 3 - Phase 3

As leading sec moves up towards a small clearing astride the track it is ambushed. Ambush party is successfully encircled and captured.

Own tps suffer 2 casualties approx.

Detailed Narrative 4 - Phase 4

Leading coy is held up in area 544 378 and all efforts to get through are unsuccessful.

Bn Comd issues orders for an attack but as orders are issued report is received that enemy has withdrawn.

Bn goes into bivouac for night.

Casualties own tps 20 - 30 approx.

DAY 2

Detailed Narrative 5 - Phase 5

As leading coy approaches area 554 383 moving up towards the high ground it is fired on.

The enemy is holding the high ground astride the track covering a fairly wide front.

A coy attack is launched and is successful.

Casualties own tps 20 approx.

DAY 2

Detailed Narrative - Phase 6

When the fwd elements of our tps approach the track junc at 558383 they are held up by the enemy who are holding the high ground in strength.

Leading pl is unable to make headway and a coy attack is necessary to overcome resistance.

Casualties own tps 20 - 30 approx.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 7

On approaching the airstrip it is found by patrols that the area surrounding the strip is strongly held by the enemy. Main strength appears to be west of the strip with standing patrols at the southern end in the jungle.

A bn attack on the clearing results ultimately in its capture by our tps.

Casualties own tps 60 approx.

DAY 3

Detailed Narrative - Phase 8

During the night the enemy withdraws along the track south of LAKE EURAMOO towards the clearing in area 5939. Our tps pursue the enemy at first light and as they are moving along the track at 583389 the leading sec is ambushed.

The leading pl is able to capture the party.

Probable casualties own tps approx 3.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 9

As our tps move along the track and are just about to move into the clearing in area 5939 the leading tps are fired on from the high ground directly in front of them.

The clearing is captured after a full scale bn attack.

Probable casualties own tps approx 30.

DAY 4

Detailed Narrative - Phase 10

Owing to shortage of rations message is sent to forward supply dump for supplies by air. Bn unable to move until supplies are brought up and dropped by parachute.

After supplies arrive advance is continued along the track.

When approaching track junc at 603387 leading elements are fired on.

Coy attack is launched and is successful. Approx casualties own tps 15

Detailed Narrative - Phase 11

The advance continues along the track and when passing the track at 607382 the second coy is fired on from the high ground to the left by LMGs. At the same time the leading coy finds itself surrounded and is unable to get out of its encircled posn.

Efforts on the part of the remainder of the bn to extricate the leading coy are unsuccessful and both gps are forced into defensive , bivouac for the night.

DAY 5

Detailed Narrative - Phase 12

Situation as for last night with leading coy cut off from remainder of Bn. When early recce is made it is found that the enemy is still in posn.

When an attack is launched by the bn the surrounded coy is released. Casualties 15 approx.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 13

After the reorganisation when the surrounded coy has been relieved, patrols set out to the clearing area are fired on from the ridge running E behind house at 612 375.

Tac R reports, confirmed by patrols show that this ridge is held in strength by the enemy forces.

A bn attack launched against the posn is successful and the ridge is taken.

Casualties approx 90.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 14

Owing to the recent heavy weather conditions it has not been possible to get up the bns Tk A guns and while the objective of the last attack is being reorganised a counter attack is launched by the enemy with tanks. Our tps are forced to retire to the posns occupied earlier in the day in the heavy timber.

The enemy again occupies the ridge overlooking our posns.

Casualties approx 30.

DAY 6

Detailed Narrative - Phase 15

The enemy again occupies the ridge against which our attack during Day 5 was unsuccessful. He is also holding the area overlooking the thick timber.

Tac R at last light Day 5 reported that tanks were seen withdrawing south down rd near bridge at 613363.

Infm was received that the tk A guns would be up before last light Day 5.

A night attack is launched during the early hrs of the morning with the limit of exploitation as rd from junc 612368 to 617371.

This attack is successful.

Casualties 20 approx.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 16

After the successful attack during the early hrs of this morning our tps are reorganising on the limit of exploitation and resting.

Tac R report is received to the effect that a large force of enemy has been seen at first light moving NW from area 615340. Force estimated at two bns with tks in addition.

Rapid development of defence of the area held is ordered by the bn cmd.

DAY 6 (Cont'd)

Detailed Narrative - Phase 17

Further Tac R reports that the enemy is moving towards our defensive posn. Patrols report movement of enemy seen approx 1000 yds from the posn.

The enemy launch an attack supported by tks which is successfully held and the enemy driven back.

Casualties own tps approx 20.

DAY 7

Detailed Narrative - Phase 19

After successfully holding the enemy attack our tps bivouac in the same locality for the night.

The advance towards the dumps is continued in the morning of Day 7.

Patrols moving ahead of the main body report that the area surrounding the dumps is held in strength.

A bn attack is necessary to gain the area.

Probable casualties 60 ORs.

Detailed Narrative - Phase 20

The dump area being taken preparations are made to destroy the dump with our tps covering the destruction.

Tac R reports advise large number of tanks seen in area MT NOMICO moving west along GILLIES HIGHWAY.

It is decided by Bde Comd that bn be withdrawn to area of cross rds 611366 where a defensive posn is being developed by another bn of the bde.

The withdrawal is carried out by our tps harrassed by the enemy.

Probable casualties 30 ORs.

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26 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE"HOTFOOT"DAY 1Detailed Instructions for EnemyPhase 1 - Narrative 1 Probable time Z plus 40 Action to be taken
(approx 30 mins)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
520 382	Dispose one sec on slope of hill with majority of auto weapons on south of track. Wait until leading scouts have moved through posn then shoot up leading sec. When ensur-ing encircling move takes place hold it up temporarily and then allow the encirclement to proceed resulting in the capture of the enemy.	When fired on pl comd will bring down fire on the track to pin the front and will probably endeavour to encircle the posn with a sec on each side of the track.

Phase 2 - Narrative 2 Probable time Z plus 120. Action to take approx
(1 hr)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
527 381	Dispose one sec on North of clearing in jungle and 6 men on high ground in clearing area. On approach of leading tps withdraw from clearing into sniping posns on EAST of area. Shoot up any initial attempt to move through the clearing or to by pass it. Any outflanking move on right flank to be forced very wide. Allow the outflanking move to succeed by withdrawing from the posn leaving the snipers to be captured.	It is expected that when fired on pl comd will engage tps in clearing area and possibly try to by pass the clearing entirely and attack back on it from the rear. The attack may develop into a coy attack. When the attack is successful and the snipers start, a patrol will be detached to deal with them.

Phase 3 - Narrative 3 Probable time Z plus 305. Action to take
(approx 30 mins)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
540 378	Set ambush for leading sec as they move up hill through the clearing. Hold encircling move in its initial stages and then allow to proceed. To result in the capture of enemy force.	As for phase 1 - narrative 1

Phase 4 - Narrative 4 Probable time Z plus 385. Action to take approx
(2 hrs

Location

Instructions to Enemy

Probable action own tps

544 378

Set minimum of two pls astride track in depth in well sited posns with view to holding up advance of whole Bn.

On approach of leading tps, halt there advance and ensure that no encirclement of posn can be effected.

When advised that a Bn attack is to take place total enemy force will withdraw to bivouac area for the night.

It is expected that the first coy will attempt to move round posn. When this fails active patrolling will probably take place while Bn Comd comes up and issues his orders for a Bn attack.

DAY 2

Detailed instructions for Enemy

Phase 5 - Narrative 5 Probable time Z plus 60. Action to take approx 1 1/2 hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions to Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
554 383	Hold high ground with main strength on left flank. Oppose any attempt to break through by leading pl. When coy attack is launched hold temporarily then withdraw back to airstrip area.	It is expected that, an attempt will be made to encircle posn probably by leading pl. If this fails a coy attack will be launched probably with a pl on the track and a pl moving to either flank to encircle the posn.

Phase 6 - Narrative 6 Probable time Z plus 180. Action to take approx 1 1/2 hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions to Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Track junc 558 383	Hold track junc in strength with patrols fwd especially on left flank. Hold high ground and oppose efforts of leading pl to get through. When coy attack is launched oppose with small party and force coy to fight right through. Any enemy missed, to harrass rear elements of the coy as they move through. Main body of enemy to withdraw to airstrip area 569389.	It is expected that leading pl will engage enemy tps in the track junc area whilst the remainder of the coy moves up. Patrols will probably test strength and a coy attack will develop with pressure on the front and pls attempting to outflank the posn and cut off the enemy.

Phase 7 - Narrative 7 Probable time Z plus 420. Action to last for remainder of day

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action of own tps</u>
568 390	Dispose forces on ridge west of rd (airstrip) covering approaches from jungle, also cover southern approach to the airstrip track running east and west at right angles to the air strip. All round defence of the area is essential. <u>NIGHT OPS</u> When the strip is captured enemy will move off to next area leaving a sec to carry out patrols against the defences of our own tps during the night. At least 4 patrols will be carried out throughout the night.	It is expected that a bn attack will be launched against the area. This may possibly be delayed until nightfall. The attack will probably be made with one or two coys attacking the western approaches to the strip while one coy attempts to gain the southern end of the area. Arty support may be expected in this phase of the attack.

DAY 3

Detailed Instructions for Enemy

Phase 8 - Narrative 8 Probable time Z plus 200. Action to take approx 30 mins

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
583 389	Set ambush along trail and shoot up leading sec. Allow an encircling move to take place and capture enemy.	It is expected that leading sec will engage ambush party with fire under cover of which encircling move will take place with one sec to each side of trail.

Phase 9 - Narrative 9 Probable time Z plus 290. Action to take all afternoon

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Clearing in area 5939	Dispose enemy forces - a. On high ground at the entrance to the clearing on TOBACCO HILL with particular ref to the southern feature. b. Snipers in the clearing area generally. c. Sniper on the jungle fringe near the bridge. d. On the high ground on the eastern side of the clearing Oppose all attempts to move into and use the clearing area.	The ground plus the disposn of enemy forces will probably force a bn attack. It is expected that own tps will endeavour to seize TOBACCO HILL and then move through the jungle near the bridge and so to the high ground on the eastern side of the clearing with covering fire from TOBACCO HILL feature.

NIGHT OPS :

During night 1 patrol to be carried out to Northern end of clearing and at least 3 patrols along track to southern end to the bridge. Bn Comd may try to push on during night

To prevent bn moving during night post to be established at 613387

DAY 4

Detailed Instructions for Enemy

Phase 10 - Narrative 10 Probable time Z plus 90. Action to take 1 1/2 hrs.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Track junc 603 387	Dispose force astride track well into jungle especially on right flank. Oppose efforts of leading pl to break through or to encircle posn. When coy attack is launched allow to proceed and withdraw enemy forces to next posn leaving 3154 snipers in sniping posns covering the track	It is anticipated that leading pl will try to brush aside opposition. When this fails a coy attack will probably develop the main force of the attack coming on the northern side of the track. An encircling move will probably be effected.

DAY 4 (Cont'd)

Detailed Instructions for Enemy

Phase 11 - Narrative 11 Probable time Z plus 240. Action to last all afternoon

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for Enemy</u>	<u>Probable action by own tps</u>
607382	<p>Dispose forces in the clearing to the north of the track so that no move can be made through the clearing by either the encircled coy or the remainder of the bn.</p> <p>Gps must also be disposed in the heavy jungle on both sides of the track to pin down both of our own tps forces.</p> <p>LMGs on the high ground near house at 612378 will cover the front of the leading coy.</p> <p><u>NIGHT OPS :</u></p> <p>Patrols to be carried out against own tps.</p>	<p>As soon as leading coy is cut off it will probably try to rejoin the main body by moving through the jungle on both sides of the track</p> <p>If this is found impossible the coy will probably go into a defensive bivouac for the night.</p> <p>The remainder of the bn will probably try to encircle the enemy with at least a coy in the northern side of the track.</p> <p>If this is found impossible the bn will probably go into defensive bivouac for the night</p>

DAY 5

Phase 12 - Narrative 12 Probable time Z Action to take approx 1½ hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action by own tps</u>
607 382	<p>Remain in previous posns and when attack is launched, oppose as long as possible. Take up sniping posns and endeavour to cause casualties in rear elements of bn</p>	<p>Can be anticipated that the bn will attack with main force on north of track. At the same time it is possible that the leading coy will attack back at the same time to rejoin the bn</p>

Phase 13 - Narrative 13 Probable time Z plus 90 or Z plus 150. Action to take approx 2½ hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action by own tps</u>
Ridge near 612 375	<p>Develop well dug posns on the ridge sited to cover all likely lines of approach to ridge.</p> <p>Ridge to be held from vicinity of house on south to timber on north.</p> <p>Carriers to lie up behind the ridge in area 610360 and await the capture of the ridge by own tps.</p>	<p>Expected that Bn will launch attack against the feature with main force of attack against the higher ground on the northern end of the ridge. The attack will probably be made with two coys fwd.</p> <p>There is nothing to prevent our own tps attacking with the main force of attack against the southern end of the ridge and it must be understood that either attack is a possibility.</p>

Phase 14 - Narrative 14 Approx time Z plus 300. Action to take approx 1½ hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Ridge near 612 375	<p>Counter attack with carriers against one coy area.</p>	<p>Expected that own tps will endeavour to held the</p>

DAY 5 (Cont'd)

When is area to go into hull down posns firing on own tps.

Remainder of enemy to move back into posns, on the withdrawal of own tps.

Carriers to remain on the ridge and reorganise.

When our tps withdraw to the timber enemy forces will move in and cover the area occupied by own tps to prevent a further attack being launched.

ridge

Expected that own tps will endeavour to hold the ridge just gained but when the tks get onto the ridge they will probably withdraw to the heavy timber again covered by the coy engaged by the tks.

NIGHT OPS :

Patrols to be carried out against our tps up to midnight.

Anticipated that own tps will launch a night attack after midnight

DAY 6

Phase 15 - Narrative 15 Day 6 Probable time 2. Action to take 4 hrs approx

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instruction for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Ridge near 612 375	Hold relatively the same posns on the ridge as previously held and push patrols well fwd of the ridge. When attack is launched hold for as long as possible then withdraw to area of rd junc 611366 for remainder of night.	It is expected that own tps will attack during the early hrs of the morning with a view to capturing the ridge and exploiting eastwards.

Phase 16 - Narrative 16 Day 6 Probable time 1100 hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Area 612 368-617 371	Move to area from which to launch next phase.	It is expected that own tps will dig in and develop a defensive posn in the area at present occupied.

No action by Umpires in this phase

Phase 17 - Narrative 17 Day 6 Probable time 1430 hrs Action to take 2 hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
Area 612 368-617 371	Launch an attack against t posns held by own tps together with tks Launch the attack from the left flank and try to get through the FDLs to the rear areas.	Expected that own tps will remain in present posn and fight it out with the enemy. Any tks which manage to get through the FDLs will probably be dealt with by the tk defences in the rear. As soon as the enemy withdraw from the posn patrols will probably move out to retain contact

DAY 7

Detailed instructions to enemy

Phase 19 - Narrative 19 Probable time Z plus 60. Action to take approx 2½ hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
General line 500 ^x North of rd junc 616 348	Take up well sited posns astride the rd ignoring the feature directly on the western side of the rd. Posns should be dug on the tobacco covered hill on the east of the rd and on the large feature overlooking the dump area. Carriers to be held below the crest of the hill directly on the western side of the rd. When the attack is launched, hit back with everything available and counter attack with tanks.	Our tps will probably have fwd patrols who will make the first contact. Once contact is gained and the posn summed up a bn attack will develop with emphasis probably on the tobacco covered hill. Once this is gained an attack will probably be made against the western side of the rd covered by fire from the tobacco hill

Phase 20 - Narrative 20 Probable time Z plus 280. Action to take approx 2½ hrs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructions for enemy</u>	<u>Probable action own tps</u>
500 ^x south of previous action.	As our tps withdraw keep pressure on them causing casualties. Use covered approaches and keep after them throughout the withdrawal. Launch attacks against any rearguard posns.	Own tps will probably thin out from line covering dumps and will move back through previously prepared posns.

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26 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE"HOTFOOT"DAY 1Detailed Instruction for Umpires

Phase 1 - Narrative 1 Probable time Z plus 40. Action to take approx
30 mins.

Location As soon as enemy opens fire award two casualties to leading
520 382 sec. Further casualties until sec stops.
When the pl starts the probable encircling movement ensure
that this move is held temporarily and then allowed to proceed.
Total enemy force to be captured.
Suggested number of casualties to own tps to be 5.
Ensure that PW are passed back to the rear quickly.

Phase 2 - Narrative 2 Probable time Z plus 120. Action to take approx
1 hr.

Location This attack may be carried out by a pl or a coy. Any
527381 attempt to by pass the clearing, on the left flank must be
held up by hy fire temporarily.
Can be allowed to go through at approx 40 mins after first
contact.
If no mopping up action is undertaken against the snipers
on the edge of the clearing then cause casualties among the
rear coys.
Casualties to own tps to be 12 approx.
Enemy captured 6.

Phase 3 - Narrative 3 Probable time Z plus 305. Action to take approx
30 mins

Location Allot casualties to leading scouts if caught in ambush.
540 378 Allow encircling move to take place to result in the capture
of the whole enemy force.
If enemy force is not mopped up cause casualties to rear
elements of leading pl.
Probable casualties own tps 2.

Phase 4 - Narrative 4 Probable time Z plus 385. Action to take approx 2 hrs

Location In any initial attempt to get through enemy defences cause
544 378 casualties until advance stops. Any further attempts to
be stopped also. Wait until Bn Comd issues his orders for
a Bn attack and as soon as the orders are issued advise
pl comd that the enemy has withdrawn from the front.
Probable casualties own tps 20 - 30.

DAY 2

Phase 5 - Narrative 5 Detailed Instructions for Umpires

Probable time Z plus 60. Action to take approx 1½ hrs

Location

554 383 If own tps attempt to overcome resistance with one pl only cause casualties and prevent pl from gaining objectives. It is expected that a coy attack will follow. Allow this to succeed. If mopping up is not thorough cause casualties in following coy. Probable casualties 20.

Phase 6 - Narrative 6 Probable time Z plus 180. Action to take approx 1½ hrs

Location
Track June
558 383

As leading pl approaches track June allot casualties to leading elements when they are fired on. When a coy attack is launched allot casualties to out-flanking pls and hold up advance temporarily. Allow further attempts to succeed. Allot sniper casualties until snipers are located. Probable casualties own tps 20 - 30.

Phase 7 - Narrative 7 Probable time Z plus 420. Action to last for remainder of day.

Location
568 390

By awarding casualties, hold up the advance of the leading coy to by pass the airstrip at the southern end and force a bn attack. Own forces will have arty support in this phase of the day Where coys are using open country allot casualties to tps who do not make use of cover. Temporarily hold attack and then allow to proceed to ultimate success. Suggested number of casualties approx 50.

DAY 3

Detailed Instructions for Umpires

Phase 8 - Narrative 8 Probable time Z plus 200. Action to take approx 30 mins

Location

Instns for umpires

583 389 When enemy opens fire award casualties to leading scouts. Further casualties if sec proceeds along track. Allow probable encircling move to proceed and capture enemy force. Probable number of casualties 3.

Phase 9 - Narrative 9 Probable time Z plus 290. Action to take remainder of day

Location
Clearing
in area
5939

By awarding casualties prevent enemy from gaining TOBACCO HILL in the initial phase of the attack then allow the occupation of this feature to take place. Award casualties from snipers in the area near the bridge if own tps move across the clearing.

Allow any wide outflanking move through the jungle to continue and award casualties, when the final attack is made to gain the high ground on the eastern side of the clearing.

Ensure that the mopping up of the clearing area is carried out otherwise allot further casualties from the snipers in the clearing proper.

Suggest number of casualties 40.

In the event of bn trying to push on during the night post at 613387 to be used to prevent this move.

DAY 4

Detailed Instructions for Umpires

Phase 10 - Narrative 10 Probable time Z plus 90. Action to take approx 1 1/2 hrs

Location 603387 Hold up advance of own tps and ensure that a coy attack is launched against the posn. If the leading pl endeavours to get through on its own allot further casualties until the coy is forced into an attack.

Allow the coy attack to succeed and the advance to continue.

Probable casualties 15.

Phase 11 - Narrative 11 Probable time Z plus 240. Action to last all afternoon.

Location 607382 Assist in the cutting off of the leading coy and once cut off do not allow the coy to make contact again with the remainder of the bn.

Similarly do not allow the remainder of the bn to make contact with the encircled coy.

If the bn or the coy stage a night attack this is not to succeed.

Casualties are suggested as 20 to include several in the leading coy.

In this action, if at all possible the Bn Comd must be cut off with the leading coy.

Allow rations to go through to leading coy.

DAY 5

Phase 12 - Narrative 12 Probable time Z Action to take 1 1/2 hrs

Location 607 382 Hold up initial advance by the bn and prevent the surrounded coy from getting out.

Allow bn attack to proceed and regain contact with leading coy.

Probable casualties 15.

DAY 5 (cont'd)

Detailed instruction for Umpires

Phase 13 - Narrative 13 Approx time Z plus 90 or Z plus 150. Action to take approx 2½ hrs

Location Watch for forming up area. If in view of enemy award casualties.

Ridge rear
612 375 If covered approaches are not used also award casualties. Allow the attack to proceed normally awarding casualties throughout.

Knock out the two leading coy comds and one of the pl comds in each coy.

Allot casualties when own tps are on the objective.

Phase 14 - Narrative 14 Approx time Z plus 300. Action to take approx 1½ hrs

Location Award heavy casualties and force our own tps to withdraw to the heavy timber again.

Ridge rear
612 375 Suggested casualties 30.

The enemy will move up again and occupy the ridge and will also cover the area occupied by our tps.

Pin down our tps and do not allow a further attack during Day 5.

DAY 6

Phase 15 - Narrative 15 Probable time Z Action to take 4 hrs approx

Location Allow the night attack to go through to a successful conclusion.

Ridge rear
612 375 Allot casualties when in contact with the enemy but do not seriously oppose the attack.

Casualties suggested as approx 20.

Phase 17 - Narrative 17 Probable time 1430 hrs. Action to take 2 hrs.

Location Allow enemy to get up to FDLs and allow tks to get through to the rear. Only knock out these when they are accounted for by the depth of the Tk A defence.

Area
612 368
617 371 Allow enemy to capture a small part of the defences and see if own tps counter attack.

Allot approx 20 casualties to own tps.

DAY 7

Phase 19 - Narrative 19

Location Watch for leading patrols. Ensure that the covering patrols are well in front of the main body for protection.

General
line 500^x
south of
rd junc
616 348 Award heavy casualties against tps who try to force their way up the rd.

Allow an attack on the tobacco covered feature to succeed and any following movements towards the dump area are to be successful.

Probable casualties 60

DAY 7 (Cont'd)

Phase 20 - Narrative 20

Location

General
line 500^x
south of
rd junc
616 345

Award casualties against own tps whenever enemy's able to bring fire to bear on them. Ensure that an orderly withdrawal is carried out, otherwise allot casualties.

Casualties suggested as approx 30.

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EXERCISE "HOTFOOT" 15 Jun 43

REPORTS BY UMPIRES

REPORT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- a. Time of contact with enemy.
- b. Reports and messages sent back.
- c. Formation after contact.
- d. Timings of all contacts and actions.
- e. Coy and Bn comds recce.
- f. Issue of orders - who present details of orders.
- g. Method of attack.
- h. Reorganisation.

General Points

Noise

Movement of scouts.

Communications

March discipline.

Supplies.

Care and evacuation of wounded.

These reports will be submitted daily to the chief umpire during bde control; during bn control reports will be submitted as required by the bn cmdr:

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MOST SECRET

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Combined training.

9 Aust Div
3 Jun 43
G449/80/20

1. The projected combined training period will commence on approx 16 Jun 43, units and subunits being allotted to bde groups as shown in Appx "A".
2. 24 Aust Inf Bde Group will be first to do the course, which is expected to last two weeks but may extend to three or even four weeks, depending on circumstances. Thereafter 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bde Groups will follow in succession for periods of two weeks.
3. Priority in equipment issues will be given to components of 24 Aust Inf Bde Group.
4. Names of subunit commanders in 24 Aust Inf Bde Group will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 7 Jun 43.

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Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div
G449/80/20 dated 3 Jun 43.

Arm	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
HQ & details	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde J Sec Sigs 1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn 2/58 Aust LAD	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde K Sec Sigs 2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn 2/76 Aust LAD	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde L Sec Sigs 4 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn 2/78 Aust LAD
Arty	One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (equipped with 1t 25 prs) Two btys 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (1t 25 prs) Two btys 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (1t 25 prs) Two btys 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
Engrs	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Inf	2/13 Aust Inf Bn 2/15 Aust Inf Bn 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	2/28 Aust Inf Bn 2/32 Aust Inf Bn 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	2/23 Aust Inf Bn 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Carriers	One pl 2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	One pl 2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	One pl 2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy
X MG	One coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	One coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	One coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Pnrs	One coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	One coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	One coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
S & T	Det AASC 9 Aust Div Det 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Det AASC 9 Aust Div Det 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Det AASC 9 Aust Div Det 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
Medical	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	2/11 Aust Fd Amb
Pro	1 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy	2 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy	3 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Postal	Fd PO 33	Fd PO 35	Fd PO 36

l. bay 2/20/43 Bn

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14 Jun 43.

24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 9

Adm Instn No. 1 refers. *[Signature]*

GENERAL

1. Advance parties from units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move to trg area camp 6286 (Cairns 1/63360) on 15 Jun 43.

COMPOSITION

2. The composition of advance parties will be :-

(a) 2/28 Bn	12	all ranks
(b) 2/32 Bn	12	" "
(c) 2/43 Bn	12	" "
(d) 23 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt	4	" "
(e) 10 & 11 Btys 2/4 Lt A/A Regt	6	" "
(f) Det AASC 9 Aust Div		as arranged by AASC
(g) "C" Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn	4	all ranks
(h) "C" Coy 2/2 MG Bn	4	" "
(i) 2/3 Fd Amb	4	" "

TRANSPORT

3.(a) Vehs for the move are allotted as follows:-

2/28 Bn)	
2/32 Bn)	2 lorries 3 ton
2/43 Bn)	
23 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt)	
2/4 Lt A/A Regt)	1 lorry 3 ton
"C" Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn)	
"C" Coy 2/2 MG Bn)	
2/3 Fd Amb)	1 lorry 3 ton

- (b) Vehs will report to 2/28 Bn "C" Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn, and "C" Coy 2/2 MG Bn at 0800 hrs 15 Jun and as soon as these vehs have been loaded they will move to other units for loading.
- (c) AASC 9 Aust Div will arrange loading etc of their own vehs.
- (d) All vehs when loaded will report to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 1000 hrs.
- (e) Immediately on arrival in trg area camp, vehs will be unloaded and instructed to return to this area. AASC 9 Aust Div vehs will remain in trg area camp.

ROUTE

4. Move to trg area camp will be via TOLGA, MAREEBA, KURANDA.

SPEED & DENSITY

- 5.(a) Speed - 15 M.I.H.
- (b) Density - 17 V.T.M.

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6. In addition to supplies laid down in para 6 (a) of 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.1 personnel in advance party will be required to take two days rations for consumption prior to the arrival of the first part of the Bde Gp.

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Capt.
S.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution
List A less serials 4,5,9,12,15.

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MOST SECRET

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Appx "B" to 9 Aust Div
G496/80/1-B of 8 Jun 43

COMBINE OPERATIONS

1. Observers

The following observers will be present during first training period 16 - 30 Jun 43. These will come from HQ units or sub-units not in 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Serial No (a)	Formation or Unit (b)	Personnel		To be accommodated by (e)	Remarks (f)
		Offrs (c)	OR (d)		
1	20 Aust Inf Bde	8	8	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde 2 and 2 per Bn	incl batmen
2	26 Aust Inf Bde	8	8	As for Serial 1	
3	RAA 9 Aust Div	8	24	23 Aust Fd Bty or Adv HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	Ref : G472/80/20 of 5 Jun 43
4	RAE 9 Aust Div	4	4	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	
5	2/9 Aust Div Carr Coy	2	2	Bn nominated by 24 Aust Inf Bde	
6	2/2 Aust MG Bn	2	2	As for Serial 5	
7	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2	2	As for Serial 5	
8	AASC 9 Aust Div	4	4	AASC 9 Aust Div	
9	Medical	3	3	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
10	HQ 9 Aust Div	4	8	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	Training team

2. Accommodation Stores, Tentage and Transport

See Adm order to be issued separately.

3. 2/4 Aust Lt AA Bty will set up its own HQ vide G472/80/20 of 5 Jun 43.

H. O. Lewis Maj
Lt Col
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11 JUNE 1943

9 AUST DIV ADM INSTRUCTION No. 5.

1. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move to CAIRNS area for trg purposes on dates to be notified.

2. ADDITIONAL TROOPS.

(a) The following units and sub-units come under command 24 AUST INF BDE in present locations :-

- 23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt less 12 Bty
- 2/4 Aust Lt AA Wkshops Sec
- 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- 2 Pl 2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy
- C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- C Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
- 28 Sup Depot Pl AASC
- 29 " " " AASC
- B Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
- 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
- 2 sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy
- Fd PO 35.

3. ADVANCE PARTY.

An advance party provided by HQ 9 Aust Div of approx 100 all ranks will proceed to trg area before bde moves in.

4. MOVEMENT.

- (a) By MT. Details later.
- (b) Carriers by transporter under arrangements CRE 9 Aust Div. Bde make arrangements direct.
- (c) 2 pr Tk A guns by lorries, 3 ton.

5. ACCOMMODATION STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

- (a) Buildings - Scale A being provided.
 - (b) Tentage
 - (c) Bedboards
 - (d) Cooking eqpt
 - (e) Other accommodation stores as required
 - (f) Blankets - two on or with man.
- } will be taken with units.

6. SUPPLIES.

- (a) Delivery to units in trg area by AASC 9 Aust Div.
- (b) Personnel will move with one day's emergency and two days operational ration carried on man. Two days emergency ration will be available for issue in camp area.

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- (c) AASC 9 Aust Div will arrange to have available in trg area :-
 - (i) 3 days operational rations for consumption during trg exercises.
 - (ii) 5 days operational ration to be issued for trg purposes.
- (d) Operational or emergency rations other than those named in para 6 (c)(i) will NOT be consumed other than by order of bde cmd.
- (e) Normal rations will be issued for consumption in trg area.

7. POL.

- (a) Full tanks plus 100 miles res.
- (b) Replenishment in trg area under arrangements AASC 9 Aust Div.

8. WATER.

- (a) RAE 9 Aust Div will establish WP in trg area and advise location to all concerned.
- (b) Lorries, water, in use by 24 Aust Inf Bde at present will be moved to trg area.
- (c) Additional lorries, water, will be provided as available.

9. AMN.

- (a) WE first line will be carried by units.
- (b) Four days WUR will be delivered to trg area under arrangements HQ 9 Aust Div.
- (c) Trg amn at present held will be left in unit areas.
- (d) Trg amn will be made available in trg area.

10. ORDNANCE STORES.

Following res stores will be drawn and carried by units.

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|--------------------------|---|----------|
| (a) Boots AB | - | 20% res |
| (b) Dubbin |) | |
| (c) Flannelette |) | |
| (d) Oil M 80 |) | |
| (e) Oil C 70 |) | |
| (f) Grease graphited | - | 100% res |
| (g) Mineral jelly - red. |) | |

Done

11. ENGINEER STORES.

- (a) From RAE dump KAIRI.
- (b) Early requisition by units is required to allow stores NOT in stock be obtained.
- (c) RAE 9 Aust Div will tpt stores in bulk to trg area as required by 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

12. UNIT STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

- (a) WE, with exception of anti gas stores, will be taken.
- (b) Stores surplus to WE other than any especially required for trg, will remain in unit areas.

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13. PERSONAL CLOTHING.

- (a) Personnel will move in summer dress and carry spare trousers, shirt, underclothing and boots.
- (b) If at all possible two spare pairs sox and bootlaces will be carried.
- (c) Hats, khaki, will be worn as directed by bde comd.

14. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.

- (a) Carried on man

- Helmet, steel
- Eqpt, web
- Tent, mosquito
- Ground sheet
- Mosquito cream or liquid repellent.
- Cape, anti gas
- Wallet, anti gas.

- (b) Respirators, anti gas will remain in unit area.

- (c) Mosquito repellants will be drawn as follows :-

- (i) Cream, one week's supply, from DID, KAIRI.

- (ii) Liquid, from ASD, CAIRNS, when available.

- (iii) Stocks of mosquito cream are held in ASD CAIRNS.

- (d) Anti mosquito gloves and head nets when available will be carried in bulk by units

15. KIT BAGS.

Will NOT be carried.

16. TRANSPORT.

- (a) It is anticipated that 100 lorries 3 ton will be made available by 2 Aust Corps when required for move.
- (b) Vehs will be placed under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for move.
- (c) On completion of move MV, with exception of 20 lorries 3 ton, will return to own units.
- (d) Abovementioned 20 vehs will remain under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp for local adm duties during trg.
- (e) Five "Jeeps" will be made available for Bde Gp comd's use.
- (f) 24 Aust Inf Bde responsible for rationing pers of MV att. With exception of offr, pers probably will sleep in vehs.

17. RECOVERY.

- (a) First ech - 2/76 Aust LAD.
- (b) Second ech - AA & SL Wkshops CAIRNS.
- (c) 2/76 Aust LAD will be equipped before move.

18. MT SPARES.

- (a) E 4 series MT spares will be carried by AEME for all vehs participating in exercise.
- (b) AEME to arrange with Q.

19. MEDICAL.

- (a) ADMS arrange medical det in trg area.
- (b) Evacuation as arranged by ADMS.
- (c) Five motor ambes from 8 MAC will be available for convoy, evacuations and medical tpt in trg area as required.

20. CANTEENS.

- (a) Supplies for unit canteens from ADCS bulk store, CAIRNS.
- (b) AASC 9 Aust Div responsible for tpt to units. HQ Bde to arrange with AASC.

21. POSTAL.

- (a) Complete units from CAIRNS direct.
- (b) Dets arrange with unit to sort at unit. Will be fwd to trg area under arrangements 2/9 Aust Div Postal Unit.

22. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

- (a) By DAPM 9 Aust Div.
- (b) 2 Aust Corps has arranged to provide additional pro pers if required.

23. CLEANING AND CARE OF ARMS.

- (a) Particular attention will be paid to cleaning and care of arms. Action of salt water is severe, and if the utmost care is not taken corrosion very quickly will result, with the consequence that valuable eqpt may be destroyed or badly damaged.
- (b) Additional cleaning and rust preventative materials have been made available. Do not waste these materials, but do not hesitate to use sufficient to maintain arms in a satisfactory condition. If additional materials are required indent EARLY on ADOS 9 Aust Div.

24. GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Remarks in para (23) above apply to all eqpt or stores which will come into contact with salt water.

25. LEAVE.

NO leave will be granted while units are in CAIRNS area.

ACK - *mp.*

M. J. P. G.
Lt.-Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 9 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION :-

UNIT	Copy No	UNIT	Copy No.
24 AUST INF BDE	1 - 24	AASC 9 Aust Div	53 - 57
20 AUST INF BDE	25 - 28	Medical	58 - 61
26 AUST INF BDE	29 - 32	Ordnance	62
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	33	AEME	63
RAA 9 Aust Div	34 - 39	9 Aust Div Pro Coy	64
RAE 9 Aust Div	40 - 44	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	65
Sigs 9 Aust Div	45	2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	66
2/2 Aust MG Bn	46	DAPM	67
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	47	File	68 - 69
Comd	48	War Diary	70 - 71
G	49 - 50		
AQ	51 - 52		

EXERCISE REPORT

932/90/22

SECRET

"C" COY
2/2 Aust.M.G.BN
In the field
21 June 43
0900 hrs.

To
C.O.
2/2 Aust.M.G.BN.

- (1) TRAINING: Not entirely satisfactory up to date owing to insufficient craft for practice.
Pls. allotted to Inf.Bns. for preliminary training and working in conjunction when craft and exercises permit. Training not too hard but very long periods being worked. Yesterday morning reveille at 0445 hrs and Pls. did not return to camp until 2400 hrs. Reveille today 0515 hrs and on present showing Pls. will not return until similar time tonight.
- (2) ADMINISTRATION: 1. All personnel and stores arrived at camp area 17 June at 1200 hrs.
2. Camp area satisfactory and tents pitched in sapling country and flat.
3. Latrine accommodation one only 8 holer; showers and kitchen as at PYTHON HILL CAMP.
4. Water supply short owing to lack of necessary water carts.
5. Rations good.
- (3) MEDICAL: Three evacuations to hospital
Sjt Goldsmith with P.U.O.; Pte Wilson W.D. with result of teeth extractions; Pte Walker with gastritis.
Remainder fit.
- (4) AMENITIES: Canteen supplies each Tuesday and Friday on a fairly generous scale.
Beer 3 only 18 gls. per week but rather difficult to use owing to time available (see training).

SIGNED: [Signature]
O.C. "C" COY

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24 Jun 43.

2/28 AUST INF BN. AMPHIBIAN EXERCISE No. 2

EXERCISE SCREED-EXERCISE O.O. No. 2.Ref Maps CAIRNS 1:63360
MACALISTER RANGE 1:63360. *oc B. by.*

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OPENING SITUATION

1. Fighting back strongly against early Japanese successes in Northern Queensland, our forces have recaptured CAIRNS and are steadily pushing the enemy northwards. Recent enemy prisoners have shown extreme fatigue and have volunteered the information that although a large force, the approx strength of which is one division is still offering stubborn resistance, the lack of supplies and sufficient reinforcements, together with their weeks of continuous bitter fighting have made severe inroads on their general morale.
2. NARRATIVE 1.

Intelligence reports collated from PW information and air photographs, have outlined the following enemy dispositions :

<u>Area</u>	<u>Force</u>
MT FORMANTINE SOUTH SUMMIT, MT FORMANTINE NORTH SUMMIT, SIMPSON PT.	11 Inf Regt 5 Div
RAINY MOUNTAIN in rd to NORTH	21 Inf Regt 5 Div
PEARCE Hill (5089) CHRISTMAS POCKET (5092), DOG SPUR (4894)	42 Inf Regt 5 Div

3. NARRATIVE II

After intensive training in amphibian shore to shore operations, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, which includes 532 EB & SH US Forces, have for the past week been concentrating in the DEAD MAN'S GULLY area in preparation for taking an active part in delivering a smashing blow to remaining enemy forces. Fresh allied forces are already in position opposite the enemy, and the combined assault is awaiting the final details of 24 Aust Inf Bde plan.

INFORMATION

4. Enemy
As per narratives and Int Summary to be issued.
5. Own tps
 - (a) 9 Aust Div is to destroy the enemy at present preventing our adv Northwards.
 - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to increase frontal pressure on the enemy.
 - (c) 26 Aust Inf Bde is to move round the enemy's right flank directed on MONA MONA Mission 4391.
 - (d) Composition of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp is already issued. it is to establish a beachhead on "P" beach.
6. Air Plan
The RAAF and USAAC are intensifying their attacks on enemy posns commencing on D minus 1 day.

INTENTION

7. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn less 2 TK A guns plus att arms will conduct an Assault landing on "P" beach at approx 505991 (centre) and form a beachhead.

METHOD

- 8. Tps taking part
 - (a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn less 2 TK A gurs
 - (b) Det K sec sigs
 - (c) Recce party 2/12 Fd Regt
 - (d) Pl 2/13 Fd Coy
 - (e) Det 2/3 Fd Amb

- 9. Allocation & Loadings IGV
 As per boat assignment tables issued (amended).
 Note: In all waves boat -5 will centre on range lights.

- 10. Assembly area and pre-marshalling
 (a) The Bn Assaulting gp will RV at rd junc 623873 at 0630 hrs 25 Jun 43 and move by march route via COOK HIGHWAY to near beach assembly area TRINITY beach

Order of march

Wave	6
Wave	5
Wave	4
Wave	3
Wave	2
Wave	1

- (b) All sup arms att will report this HQ at 0600 hrs. On arrival at Bn HQ these tps will be marshalled into respective boat loads
- (c) Boat leaders will be detailed in accordance with the under mentioned table and will be responsible for the preparation of passenger lists in quadruplicate. Boat leaders will comd boat loads up to H hour.

Boats

15-18 incl - 55	OC A Coy.
11-14 incl	OC B Coy.
23-26 incl	OC C Coy.
22-27-32-35-37-39-65	OC D Coy.
33-38-41-44-46-47-66	OC HQ Coy.
63	OC Fd Amb
43	OC Fd Coy.
36	OC 1 Pl

- 11. Guide & Markings
 (a) Int Sec will provide guides at turn off from COOK HIGHWAY for guiding waves into the assembly area.
 (b) I.O. will mark out FUP to be completed by 1600 hrs 24 Jun.

- 12. Near Shore loading
 (a) Boats 43-46-55-63-65-66 will be pre-loaded with stores by 1600 hrs 24 Jun 43.
 (b) Stores for other boats will be laid out as normal by 1700 hrs 24 Jun 43.
 (c) Near Shore loading schedule
 Wave 6-incl will load simultaneously from 0830 hrs to 0838 hrs 25 Jun 43 in accordance with verbal orders issued.
 (d) Range Lights and beach data as detailed in liaison and verbal orders to Engr Bt Coy.

- 13. Far Shore loading schedule
 H hr: To be notified.
 Beach: " P" beach

<u>Wave</u>	<u>Time of loading</u>
1	H
2	H plus 3
3	H plus 8
4	H plus 21
5	H plus 26
6	H plus 36

14. Objectives

- (a) B Coy : Sector W from beach at 503999 to incl cutting 498998.
- (b) A Coy : Sector Y from COOK HIGHWAY excl 499991 to creek 500987 East along creek line to 502887.
- (c) C Coy : Sector X COOK HIGHWAY excl cutting 498998 to 499991.
- (d) D Coy : Sector Z Line of creek excl 502987 to beach 507988.

Note: D Coy objective and task is provisional until contact is made with the 2/43 Bn. D Coy will then come into reserve at sector Z.

15. MGs

One sec each to A and B Coys on landing at far shore.

16. Mortars

Two det each to A.B.C. Coys on landing at far shore. C Coy dets are the ones in wave 2.

17. TK A

One TK A gun to each of A and B Coys on landing at far shore.

18. ADM

As per Appx A att

INTERCOMN

19. Bn HQ: approx 501994

Report centre near shore Bt 36 posn.

20. Wireless silence: Until H hr but HQ Coy comd & C.O. sets will remain on listening watch. Silence may be broken if attack develops and comds have to report losses or disorganization.

21. Codes

The following codes will be used within Bde with current settings

- (a) Map ref
- (b) Time adder
- (c) RT code

22. Success signals

For capture of sectors

A Coy	GAMBLE
B Coy	LAMB
C Coy	SIMPSON
D Coy	THOMPSON

23. Password : AMBER

24. Signal plan

- (a) Afloat: appx E att Bde O O No. 1.
- (b) After landing: Normal except that the Bn Gp will be equipped with 1 x 208 and 1 x No 11 WT set as rear link to Bde HQ. These will be taken ashore sealed.

25. Aircraft Frequency

Frequencies for Tac R broadcast will be notified.

26. Aircraft Recognition signals

Normal as issued.

27. Bde HQ remains present location until H minus 160 then afloat until landing of reserve. If reserve lands YELLOW beach Bde HQ will be established vicinity 503990, if RED beach then vicinity of 508982.

28. Synchronisation

0400 hrs D day

ACK / *mb.*
Issued through verbally

Time of Signature *1800 hrs*

H. J. Freedman
CAPT.
(H. J. FREEDMAN).
A/ADJT. 2/28 AUST INF BN.

DISTRIBUTION

A, B, C, D, & HQ Coy.

2/12 Fd Regt

AASC

Pnr Bn

2/2 MG Bn

2/2 Fd Amb

2/13 Fd Coy

2/4 Lt AA Regt

32 E Bt & Sh Regt (2)

24 Aust Inf Bde

Comd

2 i/c

Adjt

I.O.

T.O.

QM

SIG.O.

Padre

RMO

RSM

File

War Diary 2

Spares 4

2/28 Aust Inf Bde
2/28 Aust Inf Bde

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ADM INSTN

1. Routine time table 25 Jun 43
Reveille 0445 hrs
Breakfast 0515 hrs
Move from camp : 0630 hrs
2. Sups
 - (a) 3 days emergency rations and 1 days FO ration will be carried on the man in addition to one cut meal.
 - (b) Reserve rations will be carried in res mission
3. Amn
 - (a) WE 1st line and 1 day WJR carried in unit mission and dumps formed on beachhead after landing AP to be notified.
4. POL

20 miles per day for 10 days with each veh
5. Tpt

Vehs will be water proofed prior to loading.
6. Rec

2/76 LAD will move in res mission
Location to be advised.
7. Medical
 - (a) RAP vicinity Bn HQ.
 - (b) Fd Amb will establish an ADS after landing and notify location to this HQ.
8. PW

Coys will escort PW to Bn HQ. RPs will be responsible for handing over to Sh Bn.
9. Water

Water bottles full. After landing water will be drawn from creek in vicinity.
10. Dress and mosquito eqpt.

Normal for exercises.

HAND-OVER FILE

The following infm is designed to give other Coys coming to this area a general picture, in order that they may arrange their administration to fit in with local conditions before arrival.

1. Location : As shown on att sketch, and with co-ords for CAIRNS sheet 1" - 1 mile (62008575)
2. Camp Area : As shown on att sketch, giving present lay-out of Pl areas, buildings, etc.
3. Buildings : A Class camp. Kitchen, shower and ablution benches, latrine as for Python Hill camp.
4. Fire : Owing to long dry grass there is a big risk of fire at all times. Fire breaks 2' wide outside tent-ropes have been made. Personnel must be constantly warned to guard against carelessness in this respect.
5. Water : Short supply in the first few days, owing to shortage of water trucks. All water is brought to Unit areas by veh. Any mobile tank which could be brought by later Coys would be a great asset.
6. Dust : At present road through Camp is soft unsettled dirt which is very dusty. Gravel screening is being laid, and the posn should improve in a few days.
7. Ground : Flat country, with moderately thick forest timber. Dry creek at rear of Camp. Country generally affords good concealment for tent lines.
8. Tactical : Owing to wide dispersion of Pls att to Inf Bns for trg, it has been difficult to arrange delivery of meals and movement of stores. Lack of tpt, which can only be procured through Bde, and then not always at suitable times, has further increased the difficulty. A permanent allotment of one veh to the Coy would be of great assistance.

9. Malaria : This is a potential mslarial area and full scale precautions are in operation. From one hour before darkness men must wear shirts with sleeves rolled down, long trousers, and apply insect repellent to all exposed portions of the body. Nets must be down over beds before dark, and otherwise all general precautions as were in existence in SYRIA.
10. Wear and Tear: All weapons must be liberally coated with oil to prevent corrosive action by salt water. If possible thick mineral jelly should be procured before leaving Bn. It is particularly essential that all weapons be well covered before entering the craft, as it is impossible to keep them dry in any sea at all, with present eqpt. (x)
11. Sea sickness : Recent exercises have shown that personnel are liable to sea sickness when exposed to long trips in rough weather.
12. Canteen : Ample arrangements have been made by Bde for Units to purchase Canteen goods on Weds and Sats. Orders for the goods have to be indented for three days before delivery. Delivery pt in Bde area (ref CAIRNS 1:1mile) 623867 Beer can be purchased each Tuesday and Saturday from CAIRNS; cakes and fruit are supplied on order every Monday, Wed and Fri. Sausage rolls every Saturday.
13. Amenities : Pictures are shown at the USA amphitheatre every night, and 25% of the Coy are allowed to go. Signed slips must be given to each man. YMCA hut situated in Coy lines, and coffee, etc, is provided after late trg periods at night.
14. Weather : Has been perfect up to the time of compiling this file, and appears to be the normal thing for this period of the year.
15. Mail : Is collected from the Bde Post Office every day. Specimen signatures of all Offrs censoring mail must be sent to Bde IO before outwards mail is sent. Only authorised persons may ~~collect~~ collect mail from Bde.

(x) A waterproof cover for all weapons appears to be an essential. It is suggested that Berkmyre Canvas or rubber impregnated cloth, as used in some ground-sheets, would probably be the ideal cover. Boots need frequent applications of dubbin and every man must be in possession of two pairs before starting this trg.

(sgd) J G CAMERON Capt
2 i/c C Coy

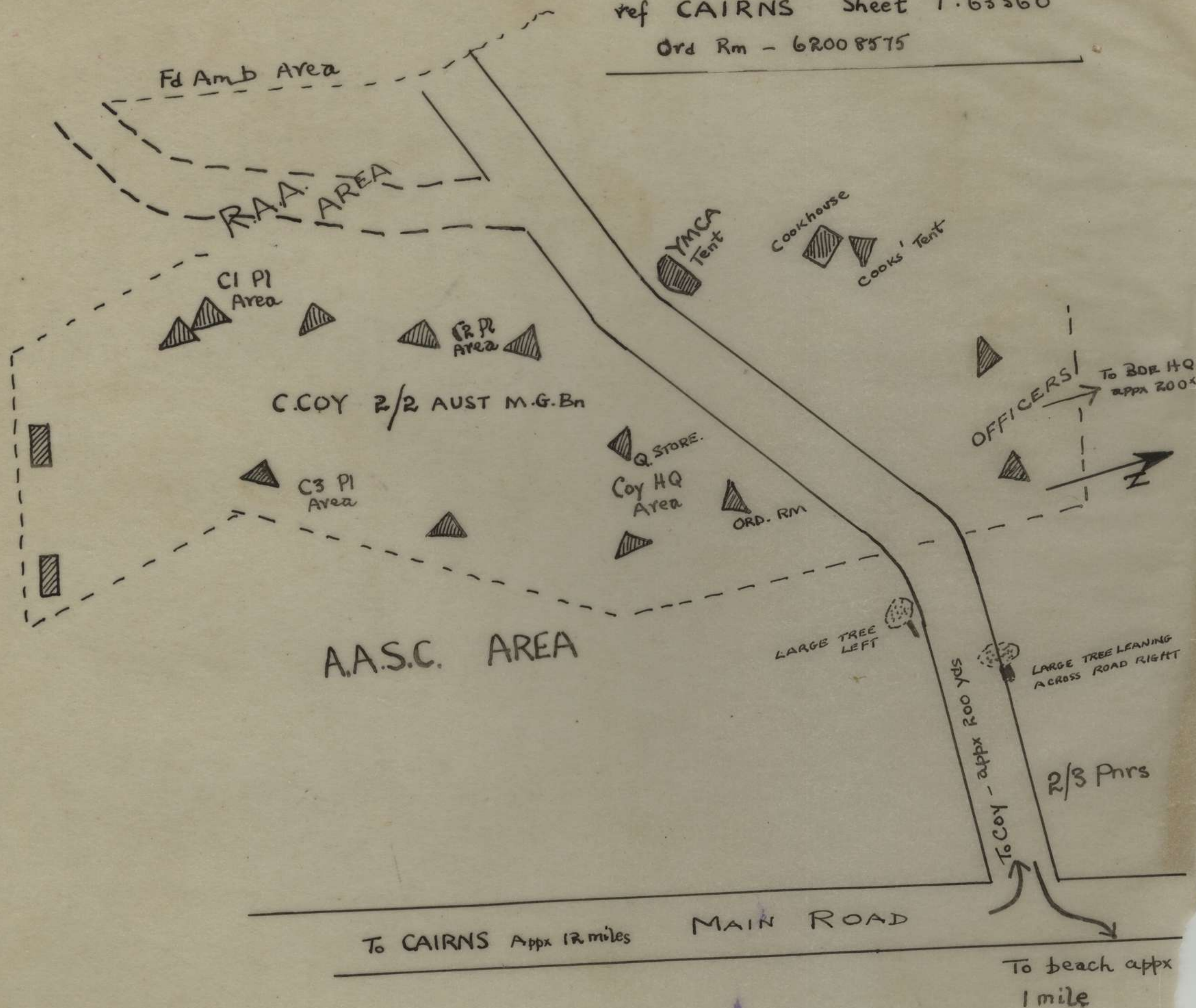
It is suggested that following Cos be allotted L80 for Canteen, as L50 is insufficient.

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SECRET

ref CAIRNS Sheet 1:63360

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Commanding Officer
2/2 Aust MG Bn

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INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL
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2/2 Aust MG Bn
22 Jun 43

Copy to Coy JAN

1. Herewith report and results of Unit INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, held 31 May - 19 Jun 43, in Unit lines.
2. The personnel were very attentive throughout the duration of the School, and considerable knowledge was gained by all who attended.
3. Owing to the lack of maths, the map reading was held up considerably, and in consequence certain lectures, such as the American Army, had to be left untouched, to enable map reading subjects to be revised.
4. Outdoor exercises were well conducted, and they had the effect of driving home the theory that had been taught previously.
5. Certain subjects, such as message writing, etc., were not included in the syllabus, because of the fact that they were included in Coy trg, but it was discovered that the majority of the School could NOT write a message correctly.
6. Such subjects as the lectures on "The Pacific Campaign" and "Present Situation in New Guinea" were given by Cpl Oakes, and proved very instructive as well as interesting.
7. It is suggested that vacancies at the next Intelligence School be filled by Cpls and above.
8. C Coy personnel did not finish the School.

M Peasley Lieut.
I.O., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Examinations

NAME	5 Jun	12 Jun	Pract.	19 Jun	Total	%	Posn
XXXXXXXXXXXX							
Pte MacMAW, E.D. (A Coy)	94	95	85	61	335	84	1
Pte EVANS, G (D Coy)	84	91	85	72	332	83	2
Sjt WILESMITH, J (D Coy)	83	84	85	64	316	79	3
Pte ELLIS, W.J.B. (A Coy)	81	87	80	76	314	78	4
Pte WYLLIE, D.P. (A Coy)	91	85	80	65	311	78	5
Pte SUTHERLAND, A; R. (B Coy)	76	75	78	64	293	73	6
Pte MURPHY, R.C. (B Coy)	78	65	75	75	293	73	7
Pte MacMAHON, D. (A Coy)	71	79	80	60	290	72	8
Pte CAMERON, J K (B Coy)	77	72	80	58	287	72	9
L/Cpl ASHBY, L; E. R (HQ Coy)	77	74	75	60	286	71	10
Pte CUSHMAN, F J. (D Coy)	73	78	78	54	283	71	11
Pte HARDING, E.W. (HQ Coy)	67	74	80	56	277	69	12
Pte GREGORY, J.R. (HQ Coy)	72	65	75	53	265	66	13
Pte PURCELL, W (D Coy)	58	71	65	68	252	63	14
Pte WARDEN, A.J. (B Coy)	56	71	70	53	250	62	15
Pte BIRRELL, A.J; (HQ Coy)	63	57	70	53	243	61	16
Cpl COLEMAN, D.H; (LAD)	62	67	65	43	237	59	17
L/Cpl BOURKE, M.B. (C Coy)	84	61	75	x			
Pte STAINES, N.A (Coy)	80	42	70	x			
Pte TURPIN, A G (C Coy)	55	42	60	x			
L/Cpl FRYER, C. (C Coy)	67	-	65	x			

x Did not complete School.

I N T E L L I G E N C E C O U R S E

Mon 31 May 43 - Sat 19 Jun 43

PERIODS : 0830-1600 hrs each day, with at least two night exercises each week, and probably two night lectures.

0830-0930 5 mins break
0935-1020 10 mins break
1030-1115 5 mins break
1120-1200 Lunch
1330-1600 With breaks

Night periods - 1900-2100 hrs.

School is divided into syndicates of 4 or 5 men, with each in turn acting as leader for exercises, etc.

SYLLABUS

First Week

MON 31 May

0830-0930	Description and objects of Intelligence	Lieut Peachey
0935-1020	Duties and Organisation of Intelligence	Lieut Peachey
1030-1115	Maps and map reading (Introductory lecture)	Capt Turner
1120-1200	Definitions, contours, scales	Capt Turner
1330-1600	Contouring (practical work on sand tables)	Cpl Cust

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TUES 1 Jun

0830-0930	Nature & Sources of Infm required by Intelligence	Lt Peachey
0935-1020	Tactical disposition of fwd observer groups	Lieut Peachey
1030-1115	Map reading : Compass and protractor	Capt Turner
1120-1200	Scales	Capt Turner
1330-1600	Contours and form lines - practical (<i>Lot. Hill.</i>)	Cpl Cust
1900-2100	Lecture : The Pacific Campaign I	Cpl Oakes

WED 2 Jun

0830-0930	Conventional signs	Capt Turner
0935-1020	Conventional signs (particularly Japanese)	Capt Turner
1030-1115) Organisation of Intelligence in the Field) at Bn and Bde	Lieut Peachey
1120-1200		
1330-1415	Estimation of numbers and distances (lect)	Lieut Peachey
1420-1600	Estimation of distances (practical)	Lieut Peachey

THURS 3 Jun

0830-0930	Grids and systems of reference	Capt Turner
0935-1020	Conversion of bearings	Capt Turner
1030-1115	Field Sketching: Panorama drawing	Cpl Cust
1120-1200	Field sketching: Panorama drawing (pract.)	Cpl Cust
1330-1415	Japanese Army - Orgn, badges	Cpl Oakes
1420-1600	Japanese Army - Badges of rank, weapons, etc	Cpl Oakes
1900-2100	Stars - Finding true South	Capt Nicholas

FRI 4 Jun

0830-0930	Orienting a map and finding position	Capt Turner
0935-1020	Visibility	Capt Turner
1030-1115	Duties of Unit Intelligence	Lieut Peachey
1120-1200	American forces : Orgh, badges of rank ,etc	Lieut Peachey
1330-1415	Abbreviations	Lieut Peachey
1420-1600	Finding position - practical	Cpl Cust
1900-2100	Lecture : The Pacific Campaign II	Cpl Oakes

SAT 5 Jun

0830-1030	Test	
1040-1115	Observation	Lieut Peachey
1120-1200	Weapons in a Division and characteristics	Lieut Peachey
1330-1500	Weapons in a Div and their characteristics	Lieut Peachey

SECOND WEEK

MON 7 Jun

0830-0930	Enlarging a map and use of romer	Cpl Cust
0935-1020	Enlarging a map (practical)	Cpl Cust
1030-1115	Security - Organisation and general nature	Sjt Biggs, PSW
1120-1200	Security - Field Security Wing	Sjt Biggs
1330-1415	Field sketching - Resection	Capt Turner, Cpl Cust
1420-1600	Field sketching - Resection (practical)	" "

TUES 8 Jun

0830-0930	The Master Jan Grid	Capt Turner
0935-1020	Field sketching - panorama drawing (practical)	Cpl Cust
1030-1115	Field sketching - resection (complete pract)	Cpl Cust
1120-1200	Duties of Intelligence personnel as guides	Cpl Oakes
1330-1600	Examination of cap documents and disposal of prisoners of war	Lieut Peachey

WED 9 Jun

0830-0930	Airborne troops, parachutists	Cpl Oakes
0935-1020	Aircraft identification	Cpl Knight
1030-1115	Battle procedure	Maj Brown
1120-1200	Operation Orders	Lieut Lavan
1330-1415	Night marching, diagrams, etc	Capt Turner
1420-1600	Preparing night march diagrams, etc	Capt Turner
1900-2100	Night march by compass	

THURS 10 Jun

0830-0930	Order of battle - enemy	Cpl Oakes
0935-1020	Maps in an I. Office	Lieut Peachey
1030-1115	Resection (revision lecture)	Cpl Cust
1120-1200	Resection (practical)	Cpl Cust
1330-1415	Intelligence in Division and	
1420-1600	Intelligence in Corps	Lieut Peachey

FRI 11 Jun

0830-0930	Master Jan Grid-applied to 1:63360 map	Capt Turner
0935-1020	Classification of roads	Capt Turner
1030-1115	War Establishments in a Division <i>Maj Brown</i>	Lieut Peachey
1120-1200	" " " " <i>Amstrong</i>	Lieut Peachey
1330-1415	Fifth Column (particularly Jap methods)	Cpl Oakes
1420-1600	Inf Bn in attack, and I in attack	Lieut T.S.Keely
1900-2100	New Guinea - present situation	Cpl Oakes

SAT 12 Jun

0830-1100 Test
1110-1200 Appreciations (lecture)

Major Brown

MON 14 Jun

THIRD WEEK

0830-0930 Aircraft identifications
0935-1020 Intelligence summaries
1030-1115 Recce reports
1120-1200 " "
1330-1415) Making a recce (practical)
1415-1600)
1900-2100 Writing recce reports

Cpl Knight
Lieut Peachey
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TUES 15 Jun

0830-0930 Direct air support
0935-1030 Supply from the air
1040-1115 Meteorology
1120-1200 Traversing (lecture)
1330-1600 Traversing (practical)

Lt-Col E.M. Onslow
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Air Force
Capt Turner
Capt Turner

WED 16 Jun

0830-0930 Air photographs
0935-1020 Air photomaps
1030-1115 Inf Bn in defence and I in defence
1120-1200 Inf Bn in defence and I in defence
1330-1600 Recce of night march by guides
1900-2100 Night march - guiding

Lieut T.S. Keely
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Lieut Peachey
and Cpl Oakes
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THURS 17 Jun

0830-0930 Intelligence in the Papuan campaign
0935-1500 Mock battle - School performs various duties of
I Office, in simulation of battle conditions
1510-1600 Eye and memory sketching (lecture)
1900-2100 Star march (weather permitting)

Cpl Oakes
Lieut Peachey &
Cpl Oakes
Cpl Cust
Capt Nicholas

FRI 18 Jun

0830-1115 Revision
1120-1200 Eye and memory sketching (practical)
1330-1600 Revision

Lieut Peachey, Cpl Oakes
Cpl Cust
Lieut Peachey

SAT 19 Jun

0830-1100 TEST

INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL

Final Examination

TIME : 2½ hours

NOTE : Students must answer a minimum of 15 questions, but must answer questions 1, 5, 6, 10, and 15

1. A Pl Comd is marking on his map the dispositions of his forces protecting a bridge over a stream. A movable barbed wire block is sited just north of the bridge and the main block at the southern end of the bridge itself. The north-eastern corner of the bridge and the approaches to a ford across the stream just East of it are mined. The main block is covered by two LMGs and an ATK rifle, firing from a SW direction onto the bridge. A VMG covers the eastern edge of the block. Draw a map for the Pl Comd showing all the above details.
2. You are given a map and told to find your position on it. The only points you can recognise are a church, a trig point and a bridge. These are all in the distance. You have no compass. How would you proceed to pin-point your position ?
3. How is the scale of an air photograph determined ?
4. What is a triangle of error, and how is it solved ?
5. A special Jan Grid is originated as follows : "Establish Special JAN Grid point of origin 150° E 20° S, sides 1!" What would be the latitude and longitude of point SQ 47 ?
6. You are an I Cpl in an Inf Bn. The I Sjt has just handed you a message which states that in an area roughly 500 yards square, the following has taken place :
0935 hrs - 20 HE shells, apparently from bty on bearing of 220°
0950 hrs - Shrapnel and 150mm HE shells, estimated about 15, from guns on bearings of 146° and 157°
1000 hrs - Report from eastern portion of area that a choking gas is being used by the enemy.
How would you mark this information on your Sit Map ?
7. The Field Security Wing has three main tasks. What are they ?
8. Ref map GAZA 1:100,000. During a combined operation you are in charge of Bde I Office, and a bn requests Naval bombardment on a line 09430980 to 09310972. How would you indicate this position in your request to S.O.B.S ?
9. Ref map GA ZA 1:100,000. You are standing at trig 95, 11121106. Can you see trig 125 (12011131) ? Shew your workings.
10. Is this message set out correctly ? Correct anything you think is not right --
(see next page for message)
11. (i) What is indirect air support ?
(ii) The Air Support Control has wireless sets controlling air sp a/c in the air, and for listening to recce a/c. What are these called ?
(iii) In air support, what are Tentacles ?
12. Describe four types of recce, and show what headings are placed on a Recce Report.

13. A Japanese prisoner has been brought in. On the collar of his uniform jacket is a coloured cloth badge, shaped like a flat V, with a broad yellow band on a slate green background. On his sleeve is a broad red chevron with its apex pointing upward. On his coat is a red badge bearing three stars. What identification could you send on to Brigade about him?
14. A Bn I.O. in defence has to secure as much information as possible about the enemy facing his unit. Where does he secure that information?
- (a)
15. A Brigadier is planning an attack, and has moved forward to a Pt to meet his R Gp. Who would he expect to find there?
- (b) In a MG Coy, who would be in the O Group?
- (a)
16. How would a Japanese observer mark on his map a formation of 8 light bombers, each carrying a crew of three flying at 6,000 ft?
- (b) How is a rifle section in the firing line shown by Japanese conventional signs?
17. There is a Japanese Army Group in the NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITAIN-SOLOMONS area of SWPA.
- (i) Which Group is it, and what Armies does it comprise?
- (ii) What is the usual strength of a Japanese Army Gp?
- (iii) A Jap 3-regt Division has one Tk Bn under comd. A Tank Regt is attached to one such Div for a special operation. How many tanks would the Div Comd have at his disposal?
18. Intelligence in an attack has three principal functions. These can be summarised under three headings. What are they?
19. You are the Bde Comd holding the KAIRI-TOLGA area northward to the BARRON RIVER, with your HQ behind TOBACCO HILL. Last night your posns were heavily bombed, and high level bombers again attacked early this mng. These were followed by sqns of dive bombers, which selected your AA gun emplacements as targets. Fighters are now strafing gun posns and fwd tps. What deduction would you draw from this and what action will you take?
20. On Monday 57 Jap planes raided the BENA BENA area of New Guinea. The following day another formation of enemy Bs and Fs attacked KAINANTUA and AIYURA villages to the east of BENA BENA. If you were G III I at Division, and the GOC asked you to give him your deductions from these reports, what would you tell him?

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Q 10 (cont)

TO 20 Australian Infantry Bde, Tactical HQ 24 Australian ^{Phone} Inf Brigade
RAA, RA E. Tac 2/2 Aust MG Battalion, AQ, Main 9 Aust Division.
Main Thirty Corps, First SA Div, 3 SA Brigade.
FROM : Tac 9 Aust Div 0143

SITREP to 1400 hours (.) Nothing to report in NORTHERN sector (.) Total prisoners in cage captured by Ninth Aust Div troops since first light July is GERMAN 2 officers 173 other ranks and ITALIAN 7 ORs plus 2 civilians (.) Identifications from QATTARA Road in 8729 area are 1 bn 361 Lorr Inf Regt 1 coy 33rd A Tk bn 9 coy 62 IR Trento div (.) Enemy dispositions from coast southwards believed in following order (.) one and three Lt IR flanked by Kzsl battle gp Briehl battle gp 1 Bn 155 LIR 1 Bn 200 LIR elements 33 ATK bn with elements TRIESTE and Sabratha divisions GERMAN lines stop all informed

except W/T in clear

THI 1600
TOO 1450

2/2 Aust M.G. Bn

S Y L L A B U S O F T R A I N I N G

(31 May - 12 Jun, incl)

1. Herewith syllabus for period 31 May - 12 Jun, incl, with key supplied.
2. Where Route March is shown in the afternoon and following morning, Coys will remain out all night and do night trg and exercises.
3. Coy Comds to make up own syllabus and submit. Subjects in Bn Syllabus must be covered.

Standards to be attained by 12 Jun 43 :

VMG - All TsO.E.T. of E.G.D. to be passed, as laid down in S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Pt II, Sec 12
Sec 14 as laid down in SAT Vol 1 Pam 7, Pt II

Mapreading, compass, etc - Men to have sound knowledge of conventional signs, North points, systems of reference, setting map and finding position.

First Aid, Hygiene & Sanit. must bear special relation to conditions met with in the jungle.

4. Minor tactics must be preceded by a TEWT under Coy arrangements.
5. When Coy is on miniature range, much time must be spent in coaching and dry practice. These not employed on range can be doing trg with VMG.
6. Saturday. Afternoons will be used by all Coys as a sports afternoon for inter-Coy matches. Personnel not actually playing will be kept under control.
7. Sundays to be used as a day for make and mend, as Coy Comds see fit.
8. Coys must be prepared to do tactical exercises with Bdes during this period.

Most SECRET

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Combined operations.

Trg HQ 9 Aust Div
27 Jun 43
Trg 8/80/1B

Ref 9 Aust Div Training Instruction No 11 (G496/80/1B) Appx "A".

1. The programme for 24 Aust Inf Bde is amended as follows :-

(a) The Second Bde Landing Gp Exercise did not take place on 7th and 8th days. It will now take place during the night 28/29 Jun 43, i.e. the landing will be early on the 10th day.

(b) Other timings are correspondingly put forward :-

11th day - 30 Jun 43: Div Exercise; Orders given to comds of Service elements of the Task Force comprising Navy, Army, Amph Force and Air Force.

12th day - 1 Jul 43 } Planning and preparation period.
to } Issue of operation orders by Bde Comd
14th day - 3 Jul incl } etc.

15th day - 4 Jul 43: Landing at first light. Exercise ends during the day. Return to local camp.

16th day - 5 Jul 43: Collect and collate reports and criticisms.

17th day - 6 Jul 43: Discussion on Exercise.

18th day - 7 Jul 43 } Return to Tableland.
19th day - 8 Jul 43 }

2. 20 Aust Inf Bde will move to CAIRNS area on 7 and 8 Jul 43, Movement Orders separately, and will work to the original programme and time table.

H. J. L. ...
Lt Col
GS

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/3 AUST MG BN
30 MAY 1943
A.I.F. 135

Subject: Training, Tk A and MMG in Inf Bns.

9 Aust Div
29 May 43
G415/80/1

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- 20 AUST INF BDE (4)
- 24 AUST INF BDE (4)
- 26 AUST INF BDE (4)
- 2/2 AUST MG BN
- 2/3 AUST PNR BN

Copy : RAA

1. Tk A and MMG Pls will be trained to a div standard. In order to assist units, training teams each of one officer and three senior NCOS will be constituted as follows :-

- (a) Tk A - 1 officer provided by 20 Aust Inf Bde
2 NCOS " " 26 Aust Inf Bde
1 NCO " " 24 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) MMG - 1 officer provided by 24 Aust Inf Bde
2 NCOS " " 26 Aust Inf Bde
1 NCO " " 20 Aust Inf Bde

Names will be submitted to this HQ by 1800 hrs 1 Jun 43.

2. Teams will assemble at 1400 hrs on 2 Jun 43.

- (a) Tk A at HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) MMG at HQ 2/2 Aust MG BN

and will "polish up" for three days before starting on bns.

3. 2/2 Aust MG Bn will supervise training of the MMG team. Syllabi and sequences for MMG and Tk A are attached as Appendices "A" and "B" respectively.

4. Allotment of both teams :-

20 Aust Inf Bde	5- 8 Jun incl
24 Aust Inf Bde	9- 11 Jun incl
26 Aust Inf Bde	11- 15 Jun incl
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	15 Jun

5. Officers and NCOS will provide their own personal and sleeping gear. Formation concerned will provide accommodation, transport and all other facilities, and will deliver teams to next formation by 0900 hrs on first day of each period.

6. The task of each team is not to report on the efficiency or otherwise of br personnel, except to CO of the unit, but to assist training, advise and set a high standard. This HQ will be informed by formations if they wish the arrangement continued further.

A. C. Swain Maj
Lt Col
GS

MMG TRAINING TEAM

1. Grading

Graded into three preliminary categories :-

A	High
B	Medium
C	Low

2. Standard

Pl comd will be shown proposed tests and will decide which grade he considers his pl capable of passing. After the test OC team can decide whether pl is good, bad or indifferent in the grade chosen.

3. Tests

Low standard

- (a) (i) Bring your team into action with special attention to details such as the mounting of the gun (line, level, in required direction) actions of individual numbers of the teams etc.
- (ii) Fall out 1 & 2
- (iii) Set up series of stoppages and at irregular intervals fall out gun numbers.
- (iv) Question individuals as to general care and maintenance of their gun, stores and equipment.
- (v) Change barrel without loss of water falling out gun numbers as action is proceeding.
- (vi) Test various gun numbers for consistency of tap, and adjusting sights, and laying gun, and controlled corrections generally.

(b) Sec Comd

- (i) Bring section into action on plain open ground.
- (ii) Direct fire orders on selected targets.
- (iii) With his section, to continue firing in event of target becoming obscured.
- (iv) Questions to pl comd and pl on general safety.

(c) Pl Comd

Bringing pl into action, taking up a position by day.

Medium Standard

- (a) (i) Bring gun into action as in A1 above.
- (ii) As above
- (iii) As above
- (iv) Tests with Clino and bar foresight recording Q.A. and Q.E. and laying off for direction.
- (v) Questions on spare parts and uses.

(b) Sec Comd

- (i) Bring section into action on uneven and exposed ground.
- (ii) Give direct fire orders on targets, Point, width and traversing.
- (iii) Prepare for action and come into action for night firing.

(c) Pl Comd and Pl Sjt

- (i) Take up a position by day for indirect fire.
- (ii) Field duties special to defence.
- (iii) Question on safety and use of the slide rule.
- (iv) Questions on ammunition supply.

High Standard

- (a)(1) (1) Bring guns into action and inspect. Questions on spare parts and uses.
- (ii) Set up series of stoppages.
 - (iii) Questions as to gun characteristics and capabilities.
 - (iv) Recording of Q.A. and Q.E. with assistance of clino and/or dial sight.
 - (v) Use of bar foresight and method of use.
- (b) Sec Comd
- (i) Bring sections in on open and uneven ground.
 - (ii) Make preparations in daylight to continue fire at night.
 - (iii) Change from night firing to direct fire.
 - (iv) Indication and recognition of point targets, oblique with different ranges to each end, area targets and moving targets.
- (c) Pl Comd and Pl Sjt
- (i) Take up position by day with modification for night firing.
 - (ii) Questions on flanking and overhead fire, safety and use of slide rule in both cases.
 - (iii) Laying fixed line overhead without use of a dial sight.
 - (iv) Calculating safety from a map.
 - (v) General administration questions with special reference to ammunition supply.

TK A TRAINING TEAM

1. Grading

No preliminary grading.

2. Tests

The following subjects will be covered

Subject	Gun Nos involved	Approx time required and remarks
DAILY MAINTENANCE		
(a) Cleaning of the bore	2 and 3	4 hrs
(b) Examination of elevating, traversing and firing gear	3	No 1 must supervise work of whole det as well as carry out those duties shown as his own personal job
(c) Testing of sights (telescopic and open) Aust method	1, 3 & pl comd	
(d) Care and cleaning of breech including stripping		
(e) Checking and refilling of buffer	1 & 2 as well as artificer	
(f) Cleaning oiling lubrication of trail legs and upper shield	2 & 3	This daily maintenance must be done daily and sub gp (a) (c) (d) (g) (h) whenever opportunity occurs during action
(g) Testing protrusion of striker.	No 1	
(h) Testing run out valve		
(i) Removal and replacement of wheel		
(j) Pulling back of gun	Whole det	
EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT		
1. Buffer, wheels, sight, striker, runout, wheels and supervise whole det. 2. Breech, shield, trail leg. 3. Elev trav & firing gears, sights, trail legs. 4 & 5. Amn and sub weapons		1/2 hr. In movement daily and at all halts. In moving into action. Prior to move. In action whenever opportunity offers. At least daily and may be done in co-operation with daily maintenance.
CARE AND CLEANING OF AMN AND SUBSIDIARY WEAPONS		
4 & 5		1/2 hr.
GENERAL DUTIES OF DETS. GUN DRILL		
Whole det		1 hr. Not anticipated that whole range of gun drill will be tested and examined but is possible to go through all the movements in 1 hr if crews have been given hard gun drill say for 1 hr daily for one week.

Appx "B" to 9 Aust Div
G415/80/1 dated 29 May 43 (Cont)

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Subject	Gun Nos involved	Approx time required and remarks
CORRECT METHOD OF AIM. CORRECT METHOD OF TRAVERSE	Whole det	Primarily No 3's job but experience in action shows that every officer and man of the pl must be able to handle, lay and fire the gun and hit the target. Ultimate aim - 1 round, 1 tank. Most important points are correct aim, continue to traverse while laying and firing.
DIGGING OF GUN POSITIONS	Whole det	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr to instruct on principle measurements etc., from 1 to 9 hrs to dig according to ground etc. Careful siting essential. Maximum protection for crew, camouflage etc.
GUIDE POINTS TO TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT (a) Defilade (b) Limited arc (c) Limited range (d) Holding of fire (e) No movement (f) Camouflage (g) Dummy positions (h) Defence in depth 3 gun density if possible. Co-ordination of arcs.	Pl Comd and whole det	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr to examine. Importance of this section cannot be overemphasised and although it only takes a little time to examine if the principles have been observed it must be practised constantly.

913/110/3

2/2 AUST MG BN
26 MAY 1943
A.I.F. 390

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

Subject: Austen Sub Machine Gun

HQ 9 Aust Div
25 May 43
G 391/80/7

1. Three Austen Sub Machine Guns have been given to this div for inspection and demonstration.
2. Instruction in the use of this weapon is covered in SAT Vol I pam. 15, copies of which have already been distributed.
3. Allotment of SMGs to groups and timetable for circulation are shown in Appx "A".
4. Ordnance will deliver weapons to first named in each group who will be responsible for passing to next unit on date shown. The SMGs are on charge to this HQ and on completion of tour will be returned to Camp Comdt.

Al. Durin May
Lt Col.
GS.

DISTRIBUTION:

20 AUST INF BDE	SIGS 9 AUST DIV
24 AUST INF BDE	2/2 AUST MG BN
26 AUST INF BDE	2/3 AUST PNR BN
2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT	AASC 9 AUST DIV
RAA 9 AUST DIV	CAMP
RAE 9 AUST DIV	

Copy to ORD

Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div
G 391/80/7

ALLOTMENT TO GROUPS AND TIMETABLE

Group	Formation or Unit	No. of SMGs	Time allotted
1.	20 Aust Inf Bde RAA	1	27 May - 7 Jun 8 Jun - 19 Jun
2.	24 Aust Inf Bde RAE 2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt Sigs HQ 9 Aust Div	1	27 May - 7 Jun 8 Jun - 10 Jun 11 Jun - 14 Jun 15 Jun - 17 Jun 18 Jun - 19 Jun
3.	26 Aust Inf Bde 2/2 Aust MG Bn 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn AASC	1	27 May - 7 Jun 8 Jun - 11 Jun 12 Jun - 15 Jun 16 Jun - 19 Jun

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M.O.	
I.O.	<i>MP</i>
T.O.	
G.S.M.	

Arrange lists.

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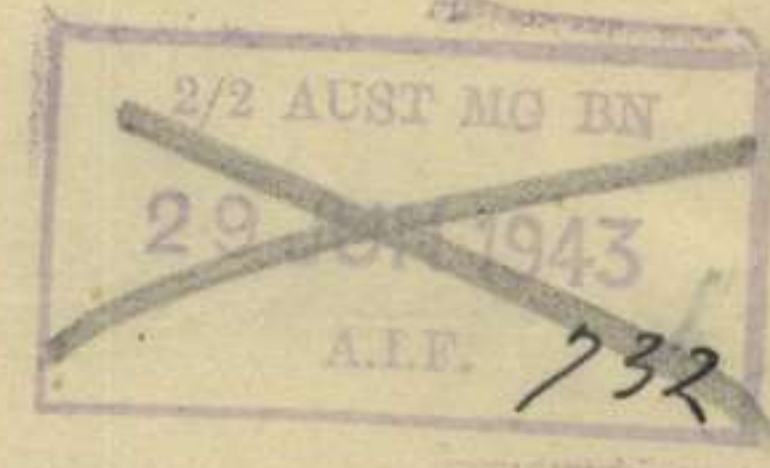
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Address 9 Aust Div
 Date 29 Jun 43
 G654/80/1

Subject : Infantry Tank Demonstration.



20 AUST INF BDE
 26 AUST INF BDE
 2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT
 RAA 9 AUST DIV
 RAE 9 AUST DIV+
 SIGS 9 AUST DIV
 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓
 2/3 AUST PNR BN
 9 AUST DIV CARR COY
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Ref 9 Aust Div G642/80/1 of 27 Jun 43.

1. 2 Aust Corps has directed that comds and 2 i/cs of lt-col comds will be included in those attending the demonstration.
2. An outline of events is attached as Appendix "A".

D. Worthley Capt
 for Lt-Col
 GS

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R.S.M.	

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OUTLINE OF EVENTS

2 AUST CORPS INFANTRY AND TANK DEMONSTRATION

1-2 Jul 43

Object of Demonstration:

To emphasise lessons learnt in recent operations, and to ensure that future training of all formations with tanks will follow a common doctrine.

Events

1. Demonstration of some of the capabilities of the GRANT Tank.
2. Demonstration of infantry and tanks in the attack against prepared positions, covered by extensive minefields, and well protected by Tk A gun defence.
3. Demonstration of infantry and tank attack, against prepared positions, when minefields are not extensive, and the Tk A gun defence is thin.
4. Demonstration of infantry and tank attack against hastily prepared positions, where minefields are not continuous or do not exist, or where the Tk A gun defence is thin.
5. Demonstration of infantry and tank attack in close country such as the plantation areas of tropical country, where minefields do not exist, and where Tk A gun defence is thin.

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2/2 AUST MG BN
 27 JUN 1943
 725' A.I.F.

Subject: Infantry Tank Demonstration

9 Aust Div
 27 Jun 43
 G 642/80/1

20 AUST INF BDE
 26 AUST INF BDE
 2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT
 RAA 9 AUST DIV
 RAE 9 AUST DIV
 SIGS 9 AUST DIV
 2/2 AUST MG BN
 2/3 AUST PNR BN
 2/9 AUST DIV CARR COY

Ref Map MT GARNET. 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. A demonstration of infantry tanks will be held at 321 957 (four miles past TUMOULIN, towards HERBERTON) on Thursday 1 Jul 43, commencing at 1100 hrs.
2. 9 Aust Div has been allotted 80 officers to view this demonstration, with more if desired. Allotment to formations and units is set out in Appx "A". Formations or units desiring an additional allotment will notify this HQ by 29 Jun 43.
3. Cut lunches will be carried.
4. Transport will be provided as shown in Appx "A" and will move independently to the site of the demonstration. Minimum transport will be taken as parking space is limited.

W. W. Wilcock Capt
 for Lt Col.
 GS.

Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div
 G 642/80/1 of 27 Jun 43.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Formation or Unit</u>	<u>Officers to attend</u>	<u>Transport</u>
1.	20 Aust Inf Bde	20	Own
2.	26 Aust Inf Bde	20	Own
3.	2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt	10	Own
4.	RAA 9 Aust Div	12	Own
5.	RAE 9 Aust Div	4	Own
6.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	2	Serial 5
7.	2/2 Aust MG Bn	5 7	Own
8.	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	5	Own
9.	2/9 Aust Div Carr Coy	2	Serial 5

NOTED

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M.O.	<i>1</i>	3
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T.O.		
R.S.M.		

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862/53/1

S E C R E T9 Aust Div
10 Jun 43
G510/50/7

NOTED	
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Adj.	<i>FW</i>
Q.M.	
M.O.	
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T.O.	
R.S.M.	

DETAILED ITINERARY PROPOSED FOR VISIT TO 9 AUST DIV OF THE
MINISTER FOR THE ARMY ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL -
12 JUN 43

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No	Time	Arrives	A tivity
1	0845	Check post KAIRI 470332	Met by pilot car and escort - 9 Aust Div
2	0900 to 0920	HQ 9 Aust Div	Met by GOC 9 Aust Div
3	0930 to 0950	Classification range 529 420	Met by CRE 9 Aust Div - sees work in progress on construction of range
4	1000 to 1020	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	Met by Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
5	1025 to 1050	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Met by Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde - morning tea
6	1055 to 1110	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	Met by CO 2/8 Aust Fd Regt - sees gun drill
7	1120 to 1135	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	Met by Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde - sees shoot on 30 yds range
8	1145	Check post KAIRI 470 332	Departs for 2 Aust Corps

J. D. ...
for Lt Col
GS

DISTRIBUTION : List A
plus 2 Aust Corps (4)

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 T.O.
 R.S.M.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET
 9 Aust Div
 23 Jun 43
 G607/50/7

930/53/1
 DETAILED ITINERARY FOR C-in-C's VISIT TO 9 AUST DIV - 24 JUN 43

Ref map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No	Time	Arrives	Activity
1	0940	Check Post KAIRI 470 332	Met by GOC 9 Aust Div
2	1015 - 1150	Rd junc 611 366	Met by Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde - taken through area of 26 Aust Inf Bde exercise HOTFOOT - sees two bn exercises in progress. At approx 1030 hrs 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will develop attack in area 61 35. At approx 1130 hrs 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will be preparing an attack in area 61 39 - see note at foot.
3	1205 - 1230	Rd opposite south end LAKE EURAMOO at 569 400	Met by CO 2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt - taken to LAKE EURAMOO 57 40 - sees training in assault and recce boats.
4	1245 - 1400	HQ 9 Aust Div	Lunch
5	1410 - 1435	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	Met by CO 2/8 Aust Fd Regt - sees gun drill (shooting with air observation) - layers' tests - dismantling 25 pr.
6	1440 - 1500	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	Met by CO 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt - sees sub calibre training - gun drill - OSMG practice 30 yards range.
7	1505 - 1530	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	Met by CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt - sees gun drill cadre class - bayonet practice - gun drill - knotting, lashing; hauling equipment.
8	1540	Check Post KAIRI	Departs for 13 AOD.

NOTE: If C-in-C desires to follow progress of 26 Aust Inf Bde
 exercise in more detail Serial 3 (2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt) may
 be omitted.

D. W. W. W. W. W.
 Lt-Col
 GS

DISTRIBUTION :

List "A" less Serial 2
 plus ADC (2)

ROUTINE ORDERS BY
LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW
COMMANDING
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

W. Henry
(94-100)
IN THE FIELD
1 JUN 43

94. SECURITY (9 Div RO 67)

(a) Use of Civil Post Office

Military personnel may not purchase money orders or postal notes from civilian post offices.

(b) Instances have occurred of tps leaving addressed envelopes with local agents for tickets for State Lottery and similar organisations. This breach of security will be brought to the attention of all ranks to prevent its recurrence.

(c) Telephone service other than within Div Camp area must be regarded as insecure. All ranks will therefore be most discreet in conversations with units outside the area.

95. DRESS (9 Div RO 69)

1. Attention is drawn to "Q" Instn dated 19 May 43.

2. Individual cases of slovenly dress have been noted since above-mentioned instructions were issued.

3. Particular slackness is evident in wearing of hats and chin-straps.

96. M.T. DISCIPLINE (9 Div RO 70)

1. Attention is drawn to Standing Orders Chap IV.

2. Breaches of the abovementioned order are evident. In future the soldier in charge of vehicle will be responsible for MT discipline. For the purpose the senior officer or NCO on the veh, or in the absence of officers or NCOs, the driver, is deemed to be responsible person.

3. Pro personnel will check breaches of the order and forward particulars to this HQ.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

97. SENTENCE BY COURT MARTIAL (9 Div RO 71)

A Pto was tried by DCM on 20 May 43 on the following charges:

1. When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline in that he in the fd when on active service on or about 13 Apr 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs H FULLER c/- Soldiers & Sailors Rest Home Coolangatta in which letter he attempted improperly to procure that a telegram be sent that his mother father or wife was seriously ill so that he could thereby obtain leave. A.A. 40.

2. When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the fd when on active service on or about 13 Apr 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs G Fuller 17 Scott St Red Hill Brisbane in which letter he attempted improperly to procure that a telegram be sent that his mother, father or wife were seriously ill so that he could thereby obtain leave AA 40.

3. When on active service with intent to deceive making a false representation in writing in connection with an application that a member of the Forces be granted leave in that he in the fd when on active service on 5 May 43 in connection with an application by him to the C.O. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn for compassionate leave with intent to deceive made a representation in writing that his mother was seriously ill well knowing such representation was false. AMR & O-203 A.
He was convicted and sentenced to undergo detention for six months.

98. RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO THE POSSESSION & CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR

First Aust Army Order No 148/42 is repeated:-

1. Except as provided in para 2 hereof, no member of the Australian Military Forces when in uniform shall:

(a) In any public place or

(b) In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place or to which access may be gained from any public place; or

- (c) in any highway or public road; or
- (d) In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve; or
- (e) On any part of a park or recreation reserve; or
- (f) In any public conveyance

consume any intoxicating liquor or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor contained in a bottle or a container of any description.

2. Nothing in this order shall prevent
 - (a) the consumption of liquor upon licenced premises in accordance with the State Liquor Laws or upon the premises of any Naval, Military or Air Force Institutes, Mess or Canteen in accordance with the regulations and Orders applying to such Institute, Mess or Canteen; or
 - (b) the supply or possession of liquor contained in a bottle or other container to or by such Institute, Mess or Canteen in the ordinary course of its lawful business.
3. Officers Commanding will ensure that the above orders are brought before the notice of all tps from time to time on pde. It is the duty of Officers Commanding to endeavour to inculcate in men under their comd a respect for their uniform, the wearing of which should operate not as a license to contravene the law but as an obligation to set an example in its observance.

99. WATER RETICULATION (9 Div RO 75)

- I. No unauthorised person will interfere with the water reticulation service in this area.

100. DISCIPLINE

NX 31156 Pte SMITH, E.H. WOAS - AWL for a period of 9½ hrs. AA 15(1) Reprimanded by Comdt 2 Aust Corps Rec Camp. Aut. forf of 1 days pay.
QX 12606 Pte GILBERT, T.N.W. - WOAS cond to the prejudice of good order & mil discipline having been present on Coy pde at or about 1830 hrs 24 May 43 was not present when a further check was made during the progress of night training. A.A. Sec 40.
WOAS cond to the prejudice of good order & military discipline during night trg when asked whether he belonged to "B" or "C" Coy replied "C" Coy well knowing such answer to be false. A.A. Sec. 40
Was awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd on both charges.

F.A. Varley
CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 8730 Cpl JACKSON, W.H. (AAMC att) promoted A/SJT (AAMC Hygiene Att) w.o.f. 29 May 43
NX25141 L/Cpl CHRISTIAN, F.W. (AAMC att) promoted A/CPL w.o.f. 29 May 43
QX 10125 " WATTS, J.R. promoted A/ CPL w.o.f. 31/5/43
QX 16905 Pte SCOTT, A.M. appointed L/ CPL w.o.f. 31/5/43
NX 82387 " MALONEY, F. transferred "B" Coy to HQ Coy - 1/6/43

NOTICES

FOUND

In ATHERTON Theatre 1 brown wallet containing note book and small sum of money. Owner can obtain same from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bdd.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Reference congratulatory messages published as notices in Unit RO 25 May 43 the following reply has been received from Gen FREYBERG :-
"Personal for Lt-Gen Morshead from Lte-Gen Freyberg (.) your much appreciated message has been published as special order (.) we missed 9 AUST DIV more than I can say and wish you had been with us when 90 Lt and 164 surrendered (.) best of luck to you all in your new activities.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(101)

IN THE FIELD

2 JUN 43

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101. SALVATIONIST MEETING - ATHERTON 9 JUN 43 (9 Div memo All0/1/1340)

1. Commissioner E.J. Harewood, O.B.E., Territorial Commander Salvation Army, will be visiting this area on 8/9 Jun 43.
2. The Commissioner wishes to meet all Salvationists of 9 Aust Div at the C.W.A. rooms ATHERTON at 1900 hrs on 9 Jun.
3. The Senior Salvation Army representative of 9 Aust Div, Mr S. Morton, of 26 Aust Inf Bde, is arranging the meeting and will have tpt available to and from ATHERTON.
4. It is requested that Coys grant leave to Salvationist personnel for this meeting and advise this HQ by 3 Jun as to number of personnel to be taken.
5. Winter dress will be worn and leave passes issued by units.

F.A. Varley CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Programme shown by Mobile Cinema in unit lines next Saturday
5 Jun 43 -

"His Exciting Night", together with short subjects.

BASEBALL

Bn team to play A.A.S.C. Wed 2/6/43 at 1430 hrs & 2nd Station
Hospital U.S.A.F. Saturday 5/6/43 at 1430 hrs.
Practice - Friday afternoon at 1600 hrs.

Catcher: Flower, E. (v.c)

Pitcher: Fuller, R.

1st base: Oakes, E.

2nd base: Davis, J.H. (c)

3rd base: Goodland, K.G.

Short stop: Wagland, W.

Right Fd: Essory, A.

Centre " Palmer, E.C.

Left Fd: Riley, R.G.

Reserves: Ticehurst, J., Poole, L.

Birrell, C.AD.

Scorer: Roberts, S., Umpire: Playford, A.J.

FOOTBALL - AUSTRALIAN RULES

Bn team to play 2/8 Aust Fd Amb on Cav Regt ground on Thursday 3 Jun.
at 1430 hrs :-

Barton, C.D.

Thurgood, R.S.

Bicket, J.W.

Walter, E.H.

Grey, W.A.

Scott, G.S.

Jordon, F.

Coleman, A.R.

White, K.F.

Hambloy, G.S.

Ball, I.S.T.

Hall, C.C.

Quinlan, B.J.

Rogers, W.A.

Green, R.W.J.

Laidler, R.M.

Murphy, M.H.

Cust, E.J.

19th: Monaghan, J.L.

Reserves: Lawlor, P.V., Turner, J, Pearce, J.A. Jones, G, Tilly, J.C.H.W.

ATHLETICS

Bn Athletics Carnival will be held on Saturday afternoon 5 Jun 43
at 1400 hrs.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(109-110)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

8 JUN 43

109. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. In order to ensure the exploitation of the best material available to provide officers for the Australian Military Forces, the establishment of Officers Pre-Selection Boards has been approved to conduct psychological and other tests of personnel recommended or desirous of appointment to commissioned rank.
2. It is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who considers himself suitable for commissioned rank should know of this privilege.
3. Coys will submit to this HQ by 1600 hrs 10 Jun 43 any applications received together with a statement of service and confidential report on each applicant, also statement of service and confidential report on any other personnel considered by them to be suitable for training as officers.

110. DISCIPLINE

1. NX 97745 Pte MUNCKTON, W.J. WOAS failing to appear at a place of pde. A.A. Sect 15 (2). Awarded 4 days CB by his Coy Comd.
2. GX 18340 Pte McCOY, R.J. WOAS failing to appear at a place of pde. A.A. Sect 15 (2). Awarded 4 days CB by his Coy Comd.

F.A. Varley CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 41029 Pte KING, L.J. transferred from "C" Coy to "A" Coy-8/6/43

NOTICES

SPORTING

Athletics

Due to Div Athletic meeting being postponed, this unit will hold an Athletic meeting on Saturday 19 Jun. Coys must have their nominations in by Friday 18 Jun.

Inter-Coy Football Competition

Unfortunately the Div race meeting on Saturday 12 Jun upsets this competition taking place on Wed 9 Jun. Coys set down to play will arrange their own matches from 1345 hrs onwards. The competition will take place on Wed the following week.

KULARA RACE MEETING 9 JUN 43

Arrangements as for previous meeting will apply except for the following :-

- (a) At the auction bids of approved unit syndicates only will be accepted. These syndicates will include all interests within units who desire to purchase a horse. Personnel of this unit desiring to form a syndicate will contact Capt W P NICHOLAS at 0900 hrs on 10 JUN 43 at Bn HQ. Syndicates may purchase one horse only.
- (b) Horses will be classed before auction, due regard being taken to performances on 29 May.
- (c) As far as possible horses will retain names given at previous meeting.

CANTEENS

- (d) Instructions regarding disposal of bottles at meeting on 29 May were NOT carried out and broken bottles littered the course. A repetition of this will mean deletion of soft drinks from Canteens at future meetings. Cut lunch and drinking vessels will be carried.
- (e) The following instn will be observed:- Saddling enclosure is out of bounds to all ranks other than officials, owners and jockeys required by the committee to be present.

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A.MR & O 1587
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COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(111)

IN THE FIELD

9 JUN 43

111. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

- (a) R.O. of 7 Jun 43 and Standing Orders Appx "C" Para 1 are amended by deleting "Reveille" and substituting "Retreat"
- (b) Standing Orders Appx "C" is amended by adding the following paras :-
 - "8. A copy of this Appendix will be displayed on all unit and Coy notice boards and will be read to tps on parade at least once monthly.
 - 9. Home made fire beaters will be made on a scale of 3 per platoon and held available in tent lines.
- (c) (see below)

F.A. Varley

CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

NOTICES

FOOTBALL - AUSTRALIAN RULES

Bn team to play 2/12 Aust Fd Regt on Cav Regt ground Thursday 10 Jun at 1430 hrs.

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| Dorney, K.J. | Jordon, F |
| Hall, C.C. | Barton, C.D. |
| Green, R.W.J. | Thurgood, R.S. |
| White, K.F. | Laidler, R.M. |
| Bicket, J.W. | Hambley, G.S. |
| Murphy, M.H. | Walter, E.H. |
| Ball, I.S.T. | Cust, E.J. |
| Grey, W.A. | Quinlan, E.J. |
| Monaghan, J.L. | Scott, G.S. |
| Rogers, W.A. | Lawlor, P.V. |
| Turner, J. | Pearce, J.A. |
| Jones, G. | Tilly, J.C. |
| Sim, C. | Coleman, A.R. |

SOCCOR

Teams for Sunday 13 Jun 43.

No 1 Team

- Goal: Stockman, L.H.
- Backs: Perry, G., Patterson, A.
- Halves: Heath, E., Geaney, T., Shove, A.
- Fwds: Harrison, J., Campbell, H., Morgan, S. Miles, J. Hartley, A.
- Reserves: Jenkin, T.

No 2 team

- Cameron, K.
- Willis, E., Spiller, L.M.
- Best, E., Chaffey, S.A. (c), Watson, D.
- Campbell, D., Jenkin, T., Sim, J.I.
- White, G., New, G.
- Townsend, E.

All players v reserves must report at 1600 hrs daily for training.

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111. Para(c) - A certificate that the provisions of (b) above have been carried out, will be rendered by Coys 1200 hrs Monday 14 Jun 43.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY
LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW (112)
COMMANDING IN THE FIELD
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION 10 JUN 43

112. PHOTOGRAPHY

Arrangements have been made to have films developed and printed. Exposed films are to be handed in to Coy Orderly Rooms together with exact amount required for work. Owing to the shortage of paper only one print per negative can be supplied.

F.A. Varley
CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

NOTICES

DEVELOPING & PRINTING PRICE LIST

<u>Size of Film</u>	<u>Developing</u>	<u>Per print</u>
120	6d	3d
620	6d	3d
127	6d	2d
88	3d	1½d
35 m.m.	1/-	1½d

Prints from Unit Album.

Contact prints size 3½ x 3½ - 3d each
" " " 3¼ x 4¼ - 5d "

Concert Party

Owing to illness of members of 9 Aust Div Concert Party it will not be showing in unit lines tonight as previously published.

Amenities

Acknowledged herewith are quantities of books and periodicals received from the undermentioned :-

Mourilyan School of Arts,
East Innisfail State School,
Tolga State School,
Dambullah State School,
Millaa-Millaa State School,
Kairi State School,
Mr Hopkins (headmaster) Wooloowin State School, Brisbane.
2/2 Aust MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary (N.S.W.)

War Diary

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(113-115)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

11 JUN 43

113. DUTIES

DUTY COY	-	"B" COY
ORD OFFR	-	Lieut R C CANN
ORD SJT	-	Sjt ROBINSON, K.B.
ORD CPL	-	Cpl PARKHILL, J.

114. AMENDMENTS - STANDING ORDERS

Chapter V Para 2 (iii) Delete detail and insert Attend B1
No route marching. No severe exertion in training but otherwise
full duties. Attend B2 Light Duties. Chap V after para 2(iv) add
(Note - No cases of Diarrhoea will be placed on kitchen fatigue)

115. CLOTHES RATIONING

All ranks are reminded that Army Clothes Rationing Coupons
are available until 31 Jul 43.

Macarthy CAPT.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 56387 CPL WILEY, J.E.G. promoted to A/SJT w.e.f. 10 Jun 43.
NX 41029 PTE KING, L.J. " A/CPL w.e.f. 10 Jun 43.

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TABLE TOPS

It is permissible for copies of "TABLE TOPS" to be sent through
the post.

AMENITIES

Acknowledged herewith quantities of books and periodicals received
from the undermentioned:-

Innisfail Central State School,
Mourilyan State School,
Atherton State School.

CHURCH NOTICE

0900 hrs Sunday 13 Jun. Communion immediately following in
Y.M.C.A. Tent.

BASEBALL

Bn team to play 2/12 Aust Fd Regt next Sunday 13 Jun 43 at 1500
hrs on the home ground:-

Pitcher:	Love, N.
Catcher:	Flower, E.
1st base:	Johnson, A.M.
2nd base:	Davis, J.T. (c)
3rd base:	Goodland, K.G.
Short stop:	Wagland, W.A.
Left Fd:	Riley, R.G.
Centre Fd:	Fuller, R.A.
Right Fd:	Palmer, E.C.
Reserves:	Essery, A.W., N. Clay., A. Hamilton. Scorer: S. Roberts

Bn team practice each Tuesday & Thursday at 1600 hrs.

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(116)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

12 JUN 43

116. GARDEN COMPETITION - WEEK ENDING 12 JUN 43

The results of above competition are promulgated as under-mentioned :-

Utility garden

	<u>Tent comd</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	Pte Gibbings	B	10/-
2.	L/Cpl Conn	B	5/-

Artistic garden

1.	Pte Jordon	B	15/-
2.	" Bradford	B	5/-

It is advised that consideration will be given in future to vegetables grown by tent gardens as this serves two purposes, that of supplementing your own Coy rations and making tent lines much neater.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 6271 CAPT (T/MAJ) E.C. WILLIAMS seconded as DAQMG(L) HQ 9 Aust Div w.e.f. 27 May 43.
NX 32342 Pte DAVIES, W.A. appointed L/CPL w.e.f. - 12 Jun 43
QX 9045 " WALKER, R.S. relinquishes T/Gp (iii)-R'taker - 12 Jun 43 (at own request)
QX 18578 " BRINKLEY, A.G.E. appointed T/Gp (iii)-R'taker - 12 Jun 43
QX 8794 " COLLINS, W.J. " " " " - 12 Jun 43
NX 47019 " HEATH, C.L. transferred from "D" Coy to "A" Coy-12/6/43

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CHURCH NOTICE

R.C. Mass will be celebrated at 0900 hrs on Sunday 13 Jun 43 and succeeding Sundays until further notice at 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

"JACK POT" QUIZ

BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER - tomorrow (Sunday) night at 2000 hrs in the CANTEEN BUILDING. Total value of prizes - £5-10-6. See Coy Notice Boards tomorrow for details of JACKPOTS.

RUGBY UNION

The following are the Bn teams selected to play against the 4 Lt. A. A. Regt on Sunday 13 Jun 43:-

1st team

Herbertson, F.
Craven, C.P.
Villiers, L.J.
Oliver, K.B.
Chinnery, H.J.
Plank, D.L.
Ford, D.
Luff, C.J.
Nicholas, W.P.
Boughton, J.R.
Davis, J.G.
Hughes, D.C.
Miller, D.C.
Coughlin, W.T.
Kenyon, J.H.
Reserves: Sommerville, R.H., Cadell, H.M.
McMahon, R.C., Crommelin, K.

2nd team

Dorney, K.J.
Maguire, J.P.
McMahon, R.C.
Elliott, H.L.
Adamsthwaite, T.
Crommelin, K.
Cadell, H.M.
Ewing, T.M.
Stewart, A.
Bergin, J.H.
Sommerville, R.H.
Neuhaus, F.J.
Nunn, E.
Hopkins, F.
McInness, L.D.
Starkey, A., Donohue, J.J.
Stewart, D.R., Brown, R.L.
Smith, E.A.

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Adj.	
Q.M.	
M.O.	
I.O.	
T.	(917-119)
R.S.M.	

IN THE FIELD

14 JUN 43

117. ENGINEERING CADETSHIP (GRO G424)

1. The provision of engineering cadetship (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.
2. Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis :-
 - (a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 years and 20 years, who are medically class A1, who are or become members of the AIF, and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics, and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the AIF will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the A.I.F.
 - (b) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the AIF and all cadets will, during their cadetship, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.
 - (c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commission subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to RAE, AEME units in the ranks.
 - (d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.
 - (e) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.
3. (1) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (E in C) to reach LHQ not later than 5th July, 1943. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first course expected to commence on 1st September, 1943.)
 - (2) COs will, with each application, furnish a report on the candidate as to his character, ability and suitability.
 - (3) Copies of applications and reports will be sent by COs through normal channels to HQ L of C Area in which the unit is serving.

118. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS (GRO G427)

1. When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AMF, without mentioning the name of the unit.
2. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.
3. The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

119. PICTURE SHOW - ATHERTON-ROSTER

Jun 14	HQ Coy	- 12	}	Jun 28	A Coy	- 11	}
	Bn HQ	- 5				Bn HQ	
" 15	A Coy	- 17		" 29	B Coy	- 17	
" 16	A Coy	- 17		" 30	D Coy	- 17	
" 17	C Coy	- 17		Jul 1	A Coy	- 17	
" 18	HQ Coy	- 17		" 2	B Coy	- 12	}
" 20	B Coy	- 13	}&		Bn HQ	- 5	
	Bn HQ	- 4			" 4	D Coy	- 17
" 21	B Coy	- 13	}&	" 5	HQ Coy	- 17	
	Bn HQ	- 4			" 6	C Coy	- 17
" 22	B Coy	- 13	}&	" 7	HQ Coy	- 17	
	Bn HQ	- 4			" 8	C Coy	- 17
" 23	B Coy	- 13	}&	" 9	HQ Coy	- 17	
	Bn HQ	- 4			" 11	C Coy	- 17
" 24	D Coy	- 17					
" 25	D Coy	- 17					
" 27	A Coy	- 17					

& Personnel from other Coys desiring to attend on these nights will advise "B" Coy by 0900 hrs on date required. "B" Coy will reserve at least one vacancy for these personnel.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

- QX 5080 Pts MASTERS, G. transferred from "D" Coy to HQ Coy -14/6/43
- QX 5080 " MASTERS, G. relinquishes T/Gp (11)-Cook w.o.f. -14/6/43
- QX 5080 " MASTERS, G. promoted to A/SJT (Tailor) w.o.f. -14/6/43
- NX 25165 " MARTIN, A.J. relinquishes T/Gp (111)-Ep Rprw.o.f. 14/6/43
- NX 25165 " MARTIN, A.J. promoted to A/CPL (Tailor) w.o.f. 14/6/43
- NX 15797 " SKINNER, A.L.C. relinquishes T/Gp (111) S'maker 14/6/43
- NX 15797 " SKINNER, A.L.C. promoted to A/CPL (S'maker) w.o.f. 14/6/43
- NX 30560 A/CPL CLARKE, C.V. promoted to A/SJT (cook) w.o.f. 22/5/43

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MOBILE CINEMA

Programme to be shown by Mobile Cinema on Saturday 19 Jun is "INVISIBLE STRIPES" together with short subjects.

SPORTING RESULTS

RUGBY UNION

Bn 1st team lost to 4 Lt A A Regt 1st team - 8/11
 Bn 2nd team defeated 4 Lt A A Regt No 2 " - 35/0

SOCCOR

Bn 1st team defeated 2/3 Aust Fd Amb - 9/0

BASEBALL

Bn 1st team defeated 2/12 Aust Fd regt - 15/5

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(120- 122)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

16 JUN 43

W. Beary

120. BLOOD GROUPING, INOCULATIONS ETC

Coys will render a certificate by 26 Jun 43 that all pay books have been checked for discrepancies of blood group, inoculations, photograph and forward particulars to Bn HQ.

121. AMENDMENT TO CAMP STANDING ORDERS

Chap 1 para 1 delete TATTOO 2145 hrs. substitute TATTOO 2220. Chap 1 para 26 add, Tattoo reports will be a definite check of personnel in Coy & Pl tents and anyone absent from their tent without warning NCO making the check will be reported AWL.

122. DISCIPLINE

NX 32602 Pte CASS, R.W.H. was convicted by a DCM on a charge of malingering was sentenced to suffer Fd punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 10916	PTE FOSTER, H.A.	transferred from "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy	- 16/6/43
QX 1753	" HUMPHREY, E.V.	trans to A.A.G.S.	- 4/6/43
NX 78719	" PAYNE, A.W.	" "	- 4/6/43
QX 8804	" KING, W.W.	" "	- 4/6/43
QX 8779	" ROBINSON, G.W.C.	" "	- 4/6/43
NX 17029	" MacGREGOR, G.C.	" "	- 4/6/43
NX 15832	" LIPMAN, L.R.	to 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT (W'shop Sec)	15/6/43
NX 31505	" BROWN, N.	to 1 AUST CONVAL DEPOT	- 31/5/43
NX 50599	" CHRISTIE, G.O.	to " "	- 31/5/43
NX 27361	" PARSONS, J.L.	to " "	- 31/5/43
QX 11444	CPL KELLY, W.A.	to 2 AUST MG TRG BN	- 1/6/43
NX 52536	SJT BAILEY, R.C.	" "	- 1/6/43
NX 19836	L/CPL STILLING, W.H.	" "	- 1/6/43
NX 29838	CPL HUNTER, K.M.	" "	- 1/6/43
NX 22917	L/CPL MILLS, W.A.	" "	- 1/6/43
QX 1698	CPL KEATING, A.A.	" "	- 1/6/43
QX 8317	PTE ARMITAGE, C.H.	to 2/77 L.A.D. (A.E.M.E)	- 26/5/43
NX 55073	" HUTCHISON, G.M.	" "	- 27/5/43
NX 29903	" HOOGWERT, W.J.	to 8 AUST FD BAKERY	- 23/5/43
NX 27534	L/CPL McCARTY, J.	" "	- 27/5/43
QX 24710	PTE WEIR, A.S.J.	to 2/77 L.A.D. (A.E.M.E.)	- 23/5/43
VX 52519	" ANDERSON, F.V.J.	to HQ Sqn 2 Aust Armd Bde	- 16/5/43
NX 29740	" GILL, F.J.	to 24 Aust Inf Bde	- 6/5/43
NX 17534	" REED, A.L.	to 26 Aust Inf Bde	- 4/5/43
QX 7415	" CHANDLER, R.S.	Released from AMF to RAAF	- 21/4/43

NOTICE

AMENITIES

Acknowledged herewith the sum of £50 received from NSW branch 2/2 MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary.

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(123-124)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

17 JUN 43

123. BADGES OF RANK

It has been most noticeable in this camp that NCOs have shown considerable laxity in NOT wearing badges of rank. This neglect is to stop forthwith, and badges of rank will be worn at all times.

124. DISCIPLINE

QX 25126 Pte JOHNSTON, E.C. WOAS AWL for 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. was sentenced to suffer Fd punishment for 21 days & to forfeit all ordinary pay and allowances for 21 days. & aut forf of 1 days pay. Awarded by his C.O.

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MESSAGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMPAIGN IN TUNISIA.

From the Prime Minister of Australia to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

"The Government and people of the Commonwealth pay tribute to the leadership and the gallant forces in North Africa on the success just achieved. We pray that this campaign which has proved the superiority of the Forces of the United Nations will be the prelude to complete and speedy victory against all our enemies. Will you please convey our congratulations to the command and forces concerned".

From the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to the Prime Minister of Australia

"Very many thanks for your message of congratulations which I have had conveyed to the commander of the forces concerned, to whom I know it will give especial pleasure. You have every reason to be proud of the part played by Australian Forces in the deliverance of Africa. "

From the Prime Minister of Australia to the Prime Minister of New Zealand

"The Government and people of Australia extend their congratulations to the sister dominion of New Zealand on the notable part their gallant troops played in the Tunisian victory. We pray that the success may result in a speedy and complete victory for the Allied Nations over the Axis Forces and pave the way for enduring peace".

From the Prime Minister of New Zealand to the Prime Minister of Australia

"I desire to thank you most warmly for your message of congratulations on the part New Zealand Troops have played in the victorious Tunisian Campaign. Such a message is doubly appreciated when it comes from those whom we have so often shared as comrades in arms, the hardships and the cares of military campaigns in distant theatres of war, and with whom we now face shoulder to shoulder the menace of Japanese aggression against our own shores".

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(125-126)

IN THE FIELD

18 JUN 43

125. WATER TANKS

Greater care is to be exercised in handling of water tanks. Several tanks have been damaged by leverage on taps and the practice of putting chocks underneath. The misuse of handling tanks in this manner is to stop forthwith.

126. DISCIPLINE

NX 21525 L/Cpl CHALLIS, N.H. WOAS -allowing prisoner to escape when committed to his custody. A.A. Sect 20 (2). Reverted to the ranks by the C.O.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 21525 Pte CHALLIS, N.H. transferred from Bn HQ to "A" Coy-18/6/43

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RESULTS GARDEN COMPETITION FOR WEEK ENDING 19 JUN 43

Pte Mayos tent	"A" Coy	-	10/-
" Oliver, C "	"A" Coy	-	10/-
" Gillings	"B" Coy	-	5/-
Cpl Parkhill	"B" Coy	-	5/-

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COMMANDING

(127-129)
IN THE FIELD
19 JUN 43

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127. APPOINTMENTS TO ARMY LEGAL CORPS (9 Div A64/1/1729)

1. Appointments to commissioned rank in the Australian Army Legal Corps may be made in the case of persons who are Barristers or Solicitors of the High Court of Australia or the Supreme Court of a State or who are recognised by the Governor-General as possessing equivalent status and qualifications within His Majesty's Dominion, and who are of the age of 25 years and upwards.
2. Members who comply with above requirements to refer to Bn HQ for further details.

128. SECURITY OF INFORMATION - SAVINGS BANK PASSBOOKS (2 Aust Corp RO 146)

1. The inclusion in Savings Banks passbooks of unit names as part of depositors' address may reveal movements of units, because the places at which the accounts have been operated are inscribed in such passbooks.
2. In the interests of security, the following action, with which the Commonwealth and State Savings Banks have expressed their concurrence, will be taken:-

Unit names will be effectively deleted from all passbooks already in the possession of or which may later come into the possession of, officers and other ranks. The deletions will be made in a manner which will not mutilate the passbooks unnecessarily.

3. Coys will take the necessary action to comply with para 2 above.

129. LAKE BARRINE - CONDUCTED PARTIES (2 Aust Corps RO 148)

1. LAKE BARRINE area is now closed as a general amenity service.
2. Only organised parties under the control of an Officer or NCO may use the swimming facilities by arrangements with the C.O. Con Depot.
3. The OC party will report to the orderly room and comply with any instructions issued by them.
4. Hot water can be provided for midday meal if required, but under no circumstances must the messes or buildings be used by such parties.

M Peachey
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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 3608 Pte BAYLISS, C.R. transferred from Bn HQ to "A" Coy-19/6/43
QX 28587 " WILLETT, M.G. " " " to "D" Coy-19/6/43

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Picture to be shown tonight "INVISIBLE STRIPES", stars George Raft & Humphrey Bogart.

JACKPOT QUIZ

There will be no JACKPOT QUIZ SESSION Sunday night 20 Jun 43. On Sunday next 27 Jun 43 the QUIZ SESSION will be in operation again with double prize money to be won.

W/ diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(130-134)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

21 JUN 43

130. LEAVE- TRANSFERS - DISCHARGES (9 Div A33/2/1786)

1. Applications on any grounds for leave, transfer or discharge will in future be treated as though this formation was in a distant operational theatre such as ME.
2. Should applications be received by HQ, L of C Area from soldier's family, the application will only be forwarded to Div.HQ if the HQ L of C Area concerned considers that the grounds are sufficient to warrant consideration under the policy outlined in para 1 above. The direction by LHQ that only outstanding cases will be forwarded.

131. SECURITY (2 Aust Corps RO No 154)

1. The practice has grown of tps ordering views of the area from stationers and other shops and arranging for the proprietor or the assistant to send addresses supplied by the soldier. This is contrary to LHQ Fd Censorship Instn No 4 para 10 and 20 (b) (ii).
2. The practice has also grown of leaving addressed envelopes with agents in which result slips for Golden Caskets etc are to be posted to Military personnel purchasing tickets. This practice will cease forthwith.

132. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS (2 Aust Corps RO No 155)

1. To ensure adequate telephone service, all ranks must endeavour to curtail both the length and number of telephone calls.
2. When it is necessary to use telephone, callers should clarify their minds on the subject of the conversation before calling.

133. PICTURE SHOW - ATHERTON

1. Reference R.O. 119 dated 14 Jun 43.
2. The daily allotment as set out in above RO is increased by nine (9) Where the allotment is shared, Bn HQ will receive 2 additional & Coy concerned seven (7).

134. MEDICAL

All crepe bandages and hot water bottles held on loan from RA.P. will be returned forthwith.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 30705 Cpl IHLEIN, N.L. transferred from "A" Coy to Bn HQ -19/6/43
NX 31230 Pte BROWN, N.A. relinquishes T/Gp (iii)-Dr Mech w.e.f. 18/6/43
NX 31081 " COGGAN, A.R. appointed " " " " 18/6/43

NOTICE

LOST

A Hat, khaki fur was lost on Bn Soccer Ground. Finder please return to "C" Coy Ord. Rm.

135. DISCIPLINE

1. QX 2280 Pte ANDERSON, W.R. was convicted by a DCM of a charge of being AWL for a period of 16 days 70 hrs. was sentenced to suffer Fd punishment for 45 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 45 days.
2. NX 58302 Pte BROWN, P. WOAS failing to appear at a place of pde. AA Sect 15 (2). Was fined £2 by the C.O.
3. QX 1816 Pte DICK, C.J.C. WOAS failing to appear at a place of pde. AA Sect 15(2). Was fined £2 by the C.O.
4. QX 11648 Pte MATHERS, J.R. WOAS failing to appear at a place of pde. AA Sect 15(2) Was fined £2 by the C.O.
5. NX 51492 Pte LISTER, R.J. WOAS failed to appear at a place of pde. AA Sect 15(2) awarded 4 days CB by the Adjt.

136. STATIONERY (9 Div RO 89)

Notice has been received of a temporary shortage in paper, envelopes, economy labels etc., from stationery sources. Strictest economy in use of the abovementioned items must be enforced.

137. FALLEN TIMBER (9 Div RO 91)

The practice of burning fallen timber and stumps other than normal unit requirements will cease immediately. Timber for fuel very quickly will become scarce under ordinary conditions. Therefore waste must be avoided.

138. SENTENCE OF COURT MARTIAL (9 Div RO 93)

A DCM of 15 Jun 43 tried SX 12601 Pte T.B. HEALY, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb on a charge of: "When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs T.B. Healy, containing statements calculated to bring into disrepute the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia." A.A. 40. He was found guilty and sentenced to undergo detention for 90 days.

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NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Programme to be shown in unit lines on Saty 26 Jun 43 is as follows: "I STOLE A MILLION", together with short subjects.

BASEBALL

Bn team to play 2nd Station Hospital U.S.A.F. on Saty 26/6/43 at 1430 hrs. Practice each afternoon at 1600 hrs.

Pitcher :	Love, N.		
Catcher :	Flower, E.		
1st base:	Johnson, A.M.		
2nd " :	Davis, J.H. (c)		
3rd " :	Fuller, R.		
Sht Stop:	Goodland, K.G.		
Right Fd:	Essery, A.		
Centre ":	Palmer, E.C.	Umpire:	Wagland, W.
Left " :	Riley, R.G.	Scorer:	Roberts, S.
Reserves:	Ticchurst, J., Birrell, C.A.D.		

LOST

The loss is reported of one gold ring (horse shoe centre) in unit lines. Would finer please return to "D" Coy Ord Rm or to Pte BOLCH, C.H.

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(139)
IN THE FIELD
25 JUN 43

139. DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFR	-	Lieut H J COCKRAM
ORDERLY SJT	-	Sjt BEARKLEY, D.A.
ORDERLY CPL	-	Cpl BANNAH, M.A.B.
DUTY COY	-	"D" Coy

F.A. Varley
~~CAPT~~
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 21496	L/ Cpl	BOUGHTON, J.R.	promoted to A/CPL w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 27274	Pte	BISHOP, E.	relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 27274	"	BISHOP, E.	promoted A/CPL -Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 23594	L/Cpl	PETTIT, A.C.	relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 23594	"	PETTIT, A.C.	promoted A/CPL -Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 34475	"	MURRAY, S.E.	relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 34475	"	MURRAY, S.E.	promoted A/CPL -Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 17311	Pte	ROUGHLEY, W.E.	relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 17311	"	ROUGHLEY, W.E.	promoted A/CPL Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 17311	A/Cpl	ROUGHLEY, W.E.	transferred from "B" Coy to "D" Coy 25/6/43
NX 69901	Pte	REDFERN, R.	relinquished T/Gp (ii) Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 69901	"	REDFERN, R.	promoted A/CPL -Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 69901	A/Cpl	REDFERN, R.	transferred from "B" Coy to "C" Coy 25/6/43

NOTICES

CONCERT PARTY

9 Div Concert Party will be holding another Camp Fire Concert in unit lines on night of Wednesday 30 Jun 43.

BASEBALL

The following players will represent the Bn against 3 Aust Tk/A Regt on Sunday at 1430 hrs.

Catcher:	Barton, C.D.
Pitchers:	Ferris, D., Ticehurst, J.
1st base:	Oakes, H.E. (c)
2nd base:	Birrell, C.A.D.
3rd base:	Cushman, F.
Short stop:	Bendall, G.
Left Fd :	King, E.D.
Centre ":	Sanderson, J.
Right ":	Poolo, L.C.
Reserves:	Richards, W.K., Clay, J.

CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 27 JUN 43

Anglican Communion Service in Y.M.C.A. tent at 0800 hrs. Methodist & Presbyterian communicants also invited.

Church Parade Service - 0900 hrs.

R C CHURCH PARADE

R C Church Parade will fall in on D Coy Pde Ground at 0850 hrs.

140. WEB EQUIPMENT - DYEING OF (2 Aust Corps RO 160)

The practice of dyeing Web Equipment is to be discontinued.

141. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (2 Aust Corps RO 161)

1. As far as possible, damage done to civilian property during training will be repaired under unit arrangements.
2. Where this is impracticable, a report will be furnished to this HQ giving the following information :-
 - (a) Name of owner
 - (b) Location of property
 - (c) Date damage was occasioned
 - (d) Particulars of damage and how caused
 - (e) Estimate of materials required and cost
 - (f) Name of unit causing the damage
 - (g) Formation recommendation regarding responsibility for damage.
3. Bn HQ will then make necessary arrangements for dealing with claims of compensation.

142. AMMUNITION (2 Aust Corps RO 162)

1. Coy's will ensure that a thorough inspection of all returns is made so that no live rounds are returned among empty cases. Chargers will be packed separately to cartridge cases.
2. The utmost care will be taken that all fired empty cases are salvaged after firing, and returned to the Q.M.

143. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

Chapter LV - TRANSPORT para 5 - cancel Loading and substitute MECHANICAL VEHICLES - LOADING

1. Personnel
 - (a) Unless otherwise ordered in writing by an offr, the number of personnel carried in load carrying vehs will not exceed :-

Type of vehicle	Maximum No in body of Vehicle	
	Marching Order	Without Equipment
12-15 cwt	4	6
1-ton	6	10
30 cwt SWB	12	18
30 cwt LWL	18	25
3-ton SWB	12	18
3-ton LWL	18	25

- (b) Where personnel are partly equipped, or where material is loaded in addition to personnel, the number of personnel must be adjusted accordingly.
- (c) An officer will not give an order to exceed the above figures except by endorsement on the driver's AAF G2. Such an order will not be given unless the exigencies of the Service demand it. It is unlikely that such exigencies will arise except in operations, and the officer giving such order will be held responsible that this action is justified by the circumstances.
- (d) Personnel must be seated wholly within the confines of the body, and will not ride on the canopy, cabin roof, sides, or tailboard of the vehicle.
- (e) Should this order be contravened, the driver will not move his vehicle until the contravention has been rectified and will report the matter on return to his unit.

2. MATERIALS

- (a) Attention is directed to "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanised Vehicles 1942" para 17 (c).
- (b) Drivers will not be ordered to exceed the authorised load for a vehicle except by an officer, in writing on the AAF G2, when the exigencies of the Service demand it.

(c) Coys are responsible that drivers are fully conversant with the amount, which constitutes the authorised load of the vehicle concerned, of all materials which they are likely to transport. The average weight of loose materials such as sand, gravel and earth is 112 lbs per cubic foot.

144. CENSORSHIP

1. A check placed on certain towns in the Corps area has revealed that an unsatisfactory percentage of letters and telegrams are from Service personnel posting in civil boxes. The proportion examined revealed that one in six were from military personnel of all ranks. Although the majority did not contain censorable matter the fact of using civilian post offices gives away the location by the use of a civil postmark, and in itself is a serious breach.
2. The check has also shown that the greatest discretion must be exercised by troops in their contacts with civilians, who generally have shown themselves as anything but security minded, and quite thoughtless in selecting subjects for their correspondence, discussing in detail amongst others the following:
 - (a) The names of formations in the area and their locations,
 - (b) Troop movements,
 - (c) Training,
 - (d) Construction of military works and installations.

145. UNIT AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICER

Lieut R. S. CANN is appointed unit AMENITIES & SPORTS OFFICER.

F. A. Warley CAPT
(F. A. Warley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Programme to be shown in unit lines next Saty night 3 Jul 43
is - "SUBMARINE PATROL" together with short subjects.

SNACK BAR

Suggestions are invited for a name for unit snack bar. Suggestions to be forwarded to Sjt W A SEWELL by 1200 hrs 30 Jun 43.

AMENITIES

Received from 2/2 MG Bn. Amenity Auxiliary NSW Branch :-

4 parcels of books,
5 packages of writing paper
& envelopes.

NOTICES BY
LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW
COMMANDING
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

IN THE FIELD
28 JUN 43

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS TRANSFERS ETC

NX 30186 A/WO(11) PERRY, J. trans. to A.A. Catering C. & att 2/2 MG Bn
w.e.f. 28:6:43

VX 5160	Sjt	POWER, G.J.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 30560	A/Sjt	OLANK, C.V.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 17311	A/Cpl	ROUGHLEY, W.E.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 23594	"	PETTIT, A.C.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 27274	"	BISHOP, E.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 34475	"	MURRAY, S.E.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 69901	"	REDFERN, R.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 6850	Pte	DAVIS, A.H.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 23672	"	BOLCH, C.H.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 31878	"	RADFORD, F.C.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 45801	"	DONOHUE, P.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 3895	"	EARL, J.H.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 5358	"	DRYDEN, J.R.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 2451	"	HARRISON, G.E.	"	"	"	"	"
SX 6244	"	WALKER, F.R.	"	"	"	"	"
SX 8415	"	WHITEHEAD, A.G.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 15541	"	HUMPHREY, A.E.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 54730	"	KOOREY, R.D.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 12609	"	JUSTICE, W.R.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 20327	"	BANNING, S.A.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 8511	"	EDGAR, K.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 20152	"	COLLIER, D.A.	det from BN HQ to "A" Coy	w.e.f.	28:6:43	"	"
NX 51492	"	LISTER, R.J.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 94887	"	FOUNTAIN, H.A.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 26982	"	RHODES, N.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 65508	"	LAWRY, H.C.	det from BN HQ to "B" Coy	w.e.f.	28:6:43	"	"
NX 65511	"	FOSLER, F.	"	"	"	"	"
VX 82226	"	PYBURNE, R.W.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 10613	"	DALEY, A.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 18696	"	COLLIER, R.G.	det from BN HQ to "D" Coy	w.e.f.	28:6:43	"	"
NX 50442	"	SPENCE, J.	"	"	"	"	"
QX 11355	"	ROWE, R.G.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 38064	"	CHIN, R.J.	"	"	"	" ?	"

SPORTING RESULTS

RUGBY UNION

Bn 1st team defeated 2/17 Aust Inf Bn 1st team - 11/6
Bn 2nd team " 2/17 Aust Inf Bn 2nd " - 14/3

SOCCOR

Bn 1st team defeated 2/7 Aust Fd Regt - 7/3

BASEBALL

Bn 1st team lost to 2nd Stn Hosp U.S. Army - 4/18
Bn 2nd team lost to 3 Aust Tk. A. Regt - 16/17

FOUND

Found on HOTFOOT Exercise tobacco pouch with initials A.I.W. Owner may obtain same on identification at HQ Coy Ord Rm.

LOST

Wristlet watch with NX 20445 Pte J WENDERSON engraved on back. Finder please return to Snack Bar. Reward.

A.M.R. & O 1587
NO TO BE PUBLISHED

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW
COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(146-148)
IN THE FIELD
30 JUN 43

146. SECURITY-ENVELOPES

In future when mail is received envelopes will be handed in under Coy arrangements; to solve problems of removing the unit identity in the address. Before these envelopes are destroyed the stamps will be removed under salvage arrangements and re-sold providing further revenue for Bn funds.

147. CUTLERY - UNIT SNACK BAR

It is no longer necessary for knives and forks to be taken by personnel to unit snack bar, as these will be provided with plates. Several items of cutlery have been removed from unit snack bar and if this practice continues it will NOT be possible to provide meals as at present, because such articles of cutlery are un-procurable. This snack bar service is for your benefit - do NOT remove cutlery.

148. APPLICATIONS - UNIT SIG PLATOON

Personnel desirous of being trained as unit signallers to submit nominations through Coys. Requirements are - good education neat hand writing, quick and intelligent under instruction.

F.A. Varley CAPT.
(E.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS

QX 5508 Cpl MONTGOMERY, R.T. promoted to A/SJT w.e.f. 2:6:43
QX 9313 L/Cpl PURCELL, W. " A/CPL w.o.f. 2:6:43

NOTICES

SALVAGE

Collections of clean newsprint by Coys and sold on their behalf to 26 Jun 43 were as follows:-

HQ Coy	75 lbs	18/9
A "	91 "	£1- 2- 9
B "	93 "	£1- 3- 7
C "	309 "	£3-17- 3
D "	138 "	£1-14- 6

Proceeds of sales are being handed direct to Coys for the benefit of Coy Funds.

HOCKEY

It is intended to start Hockey again within the Bn and as soon as possible a hockey ground will be laid down. Challenges have been received from many units and to enable the selectors to choose a unit side for a match against 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to be played on Sunday next the following tentative team has been selected to play the rest of the Bn tomorrow afternoon (Thursday) at 1500 hrs on the Soccer ground. Players who wish to play with "The Rest" please notify their Coy Ord Rm before 0830 hrs and the position in which they play. Selection of "The Rest" will be notified to Coys by 1200 hrs.

Cole, R.W.	Bearkley, D.A.
Froeman, W.F.	Watts, G.T.
Lovan, J.F.	Crist, R.J.
McAlpine, N.H.	Miles, A.J.
Harrison, J.L.	Geo, H.E.
Rinaldi, J.	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		E. MCARTHUR. ONSLOW.		YES	
MAJOR		G. A. L. SERRLE		"	
"		C. G. BROWN		"	
CAPT.		C. H. FISCHER		"	
"	T/MAJOR	E. C. WILLIAMS.		NO	DET TO 4TH JUST DIV
"		P. B. GREEN		YES.	
"		G. M. TURNER		"	
"		H. B. STANILAND		NO.	DET TO 20TH JUST INF BDE
"		W. P. NICHOLAS		YES	
"		K. S. WRAGGE		"	
"		J. G. CAMERON		"	
"		R. J. CRIST		"	
LIEUT.		L. A. WALL		"	
"		R. W. CAMERON		NO	DET TO 9TH JUST DIV
"		M. J. LAMB		YES	
"		F. HERBERTSON		"	
"		G. E. TACK		"	
"		J. F. LAVAN		"	
"		D. R. STUART		"	
"		T. H. SOUTHWELL-KEELY		"	
"	T/LAM	F. A. VAKLEY		"	
"		G. T. FERGUSON		NO	ATTENDING N° 2 MILITARY COURSE
"		A. B. FARQUHAR		YES	
"		R. J. R. BENNETT		"	
"		T. M. DEWING		"	
"		W. N. TIPPETT		"	
"		P. R. GARDINER		"	
"		V. C. MOUNDER		"	
"		W. H. BENNETT		"	
"		W. R. MELVILLE		"	
"		D. HEALHEY		"	
"		J. E. DODS		"	
"		M. D. JOHNSON		"	
"		C. H. MCXHAIR.		"	

LIEUTS. G. CRAVEN, H. R. EDWARDS, W. A. HIRST, G. H. HUGHES, H. J. COOPER, H. K. K. KELLY, G. B. T. FLOTT, REGIMENTAL SERJEANT MAJOR, C. HALL, R. G. N. RIDDLE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CHAPLAIN.		ALCORN I. W.	AACD	4.9.42	CHAPLAIN
CAPT		DORNEY K. J. J.	AACIC	6.8.42	R.M.O.
"		FORSTER-KNIGHT G.	L.A.D.	13.10.41	L.A.D.
REP.		WINN D. P.	YPICA	15.5.42	YPICA REP.

2/2 A03
5.6
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

F. W. Marley
Capt for Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
CO 2nd M.S. Bn.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

TO BE WVT

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/2 Aust MG BN. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1 (ONE)		
Majors	3 (THREE)		
Captains	10 (TEN)		
Lieutenants	31 (THIRTY ONE)		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (ONE)		
District Officers			
Totals	46 (FORTY SIX)		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	FR.K. STANILAND		7.6.43	EX HOSP.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW.		YES	
MAJOR		G.A. M'L. SEARLE		"	
		C.C. BROWN		"	
CAPT		G.L. FISCHER		"	
	T/MAJOR	E.C. WILLIAMS		NO	DET. 7th Aust DIV
		P.B. GREEN		YES	
		G.M. TURNER		"	
		H.B. STANILAND		NO	DETTS 26th Aust INF BDE
		F.R.K. STANILAND.		YES	
		W.P. NICHOLAS		"	
		K.S. WRAGGE		"	
		J.G. CAMERON		"	
		K.J. CRIST		"	
LIEUT		L.H. WALL		"	
		R.W. CAMERON		NO	DET 5th Aust DIV
		M.J. LAMB		YES	
		F. HERBERTSON		"	
		G.E. JACK		"	
		J.F. LAVAN		"	
		D.R. STUART		"	
		T. SOUTHWELL-KEELY		"	
	T/CAPT	F.A. VARLEY		"	
		G.T. FERGUSON		NO	ATTENDING IV & I COURSE
		R.J.R. BENNETT		YES	
		A.B. FARQUHAR		"	
		T.M.D. EWING		"	
		W.N. TIPPETT		"	
		P.E. GARDINER		"	
		V.C. MOULDER		"	
		W.M. BENNETT		"	
		M. PEACHEY		"	
		J.E. DODS		"	
		M.D. JOHNSON		"	
		W.R. MELVILLE.		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CHAPLAIN		ALCORN I.W.	A.H.C.D.	4-9-42	CHAPLAIN.
CAPT		K.J.J. DORNEY	A.A.M.C.	6-8-42	R.M.C.
		FORSTER-KNIGHT G	L.A.D.	13-10-41	L.A.D.
REP		WINN D.P.	YMCA	15-5-43	YMCA

2/2 Aust MG BN

12. 6. 43

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

F. Varley

(Signature of Commander.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	E MACARTHUR	UR- ONSLOW.		YES.	
MAJOR.		G H P L SEARLE		"	
		C G BROWN.		"	
CAPT		C L FISCHER.		"	
		P B GREEN		"	
		G M TURNER		"	
		H B STANILAND		NO.	DET TO 22
		F R K STANILAND		YES.	
		W P NICHOLAS		"	
		K S WRASSE		"	
		T G CAMERON		"	
LIEUT		R T CRIST		"	
		L H WALL		"	
		R W CAMERON		NO	DET DIV MUST
		M J LAMB		YES	
		F HERBERTSON		"	
		C E JACK		"	
		J F LAMVAN		"	
		D R STUART		"	
		T H SOUTHWELL KEELY		"	
	T/CHM	I A VARLEY		"	
		G T FERGUSON		NO.	ATTENDING 152
		A B FARQUHAR		YES.	1943 6/22
		K J K BENNETT		"	
		T H D EWING		"	
		W N TIPPETT		"	
		P E GARDNER		NO	ATTD G CAMP
		V C MOULDER		YES	COURSE 12 2
		W M BENNETT		"	
		W R MELVILLE		"	
		M PEACHEY		"	
		J E DODS		"	
		M D JOHNSON		"	
		C H MOXHAM		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		K J J DORNEY	H A M C	1-5-43	RT10
		G FORSTER KNIGHT	LAD	13-10-41	LAD.
CHAPELAIN		I W ALCORN	AACAD	4-9-42	CHAPELAIN
		G E JAEGER	"	11-6-43	"

2/2 AUST DIV BN
14-6-43
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Marley
Capt. for Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
9 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

2/2 Aust MG Bn Unit

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivettors		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			GENERAL DUTIES	7	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								7

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/2 Aust MG Bn
Unit.

Fallahey
Signature of Commander.
Capt. for Lt. Col.
2/2 Aust MG Bn

Date of Despatch 19-6-43

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

13/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/6/1943 *42ND MEDICAL UNIT* (Unit)

W.E. 26/6/43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 656 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7		8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1 (ONE) 2 (TWO) 9 (NINE) 31 1 (ONE)	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A M C	1 (ONE)							
			44			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		45									45
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
211704	CAPT	KIBBLE, K.G.N	HOSP (2/3 CCS)	22-6-43	EVAC. SICK.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. _____/_____/194_____.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

(Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A)

APPENDIX "A"

TABLE E SECONDED OFFICERS

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sup Rank & Higher Temp Rank	Army No	SURNAME	INITIALS	POSTING TO WHICH SECONDED	Date of Secondment
CAPT(T/MAJ)	VX 328	COMBES	G.B.	M.E. STAFF SCHOOL.	28-11-42
" "	QX 6271	WILLIAMS	E.C.	DARMOG(LEARNER) 9AUST DIV.	27-5-43.
CAPT	NX 34986	HAYES	C.M.	ATT. TO GDD NSW LOFC.	10-1-43
" "	NX 15837	BREAROTON	R.L.	ADC-GOC 2AUST CORPS	1-4-43
LIEUT	NX 26071	MILLS	I.Y.	ASST CAMP COMDT HQ 9AUST DIV.	25-8-42

TABLE J OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher Temp Rank	Army No.	SURNAME	INITIALS	OFFICER'S PARENT UNIT	Reason for being with Unit
REP		WINN	D.P.	YMCA	TEMP ATT. AS YMCA REPRESENTATIVE.

PART E—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher Temp Rank	Army No.	SURNAME	INITIALS	OFFICER'S PARENT UNIT	Reason for being with Unit

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

